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TO THE
Right Reverend Father in God,
HENRY,
Lord Bishop of *LONDON*,

This Manual of Devotions

With dutiful Submission presents it self:

Humbly requesting his *Licence*,

To Visit the Sick in this Great City ;

For which it was chiefly design'd :

And praying that God may return upon his Head,

In the best retributions,

His many Favours to the *Compiler* of it :

And may long preserve Him in *health*, and *vigour*,

To govern, and support the CHURCH.

Amen.

THE
PRINCIPLES
OF

THE
ART
OF
TEACHING
AND
LEARNING
TO
READ
AND
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T H E
P R E F A C E.

HAVING found by the Experience of some Years, in a populous Parish; that many well-meaning Christians are much at a loss in the time of Sickness, how to employ their Thoughts; when they are under the greatest necessity of employing them well; and that (besides the common neglect of seasonably desiring help from those who have the Care of their Souls) it often falls out in large Parishes, that either their

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assistance is not possible to be had in frequent Visits, or cannot reasonably be expected: I have endeavour'd hereupon to supply this want, by providing a constant Companion for the Sick; and by putting together such Prayers, and Directions, as may be useful to them in this Extremity. 'Tis the most weighty business of humane Life, to be prepar'd for dying well: and I trust, what I here offer will not be unserviceable to that end. Let good Christians make a trial, and then let them speak: and as for such as are above these ordinary Helps, let them enjoy their own Attainments, and not decry such Methods as are below them: let them

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them pray by the Spirit, and not despise us for praying, as Christ taught his Disciples to pray.

The Eminent Author of the Rule of Holy Dying gives this Character of his own Work; I am confident that these my Endeavours will be the better entertain'd, because they are the first entire Body of Directions for Sick, and Dying People, that I remember to have been publish'd in the Church of England. I shall be contented with a much lower esteem of what I now publish, after that Elegant Writer; and after so many Devotional Treatises, with which this Age happily abounds: but this I may safely profess; That
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had I met with any Collection of Prayers, fitted distinctly in a plain, and regular Method, for the use of Families, when visited with Sickness; I should have spar'd my self the labour of doing again what had been already done.

The Daily Office I have taken entirely from the Scriptures, and the Publick Liturgy; as judging it best to address our selves to the Most High GOD, either in his own Words, or in those of his Church: For after all the profane Contempt, which is cast upon our Publick Forms; I must confess, that when I compare them with such as are of a fresher stamp; the most Eloquent Writers, and greatest

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greatest Masters of Style, have not (in my poor Opinion) attain'd to the Excellency, and Spirituality of the Old Prayers of the Church; and I cannot but say, upon an impartial tast, The Old are better. I know, some have been pleas'd to imagine, that the Reverence due to the Common-Prayer will be impair'd by using it privately: but I am rather apt to believe, that we should visibly receive more benefit, and improvement by the Publick-Worship, if we accusom'd our selves to the same Forms in our Private Devotions: For when the Soul hath been heated by them in the Closet, it will the sooner take fire in the Religious Assem-

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Assemblies ; and continue in that holy Exercise with attention and warmth.

As for the Additional part of this Manual, I did resolve at the beginning, not to try my success in Composing any new Forms of Prayer ; because I found such plenty of them made ready to my hand , by the most famous Lights of our Church : and besides other Reasons to confirm me in this resolution, I consider'd that such Venerable Names would most effectually recommend them to the piety of well-dispos'd Christians ; who could not easily draw together what is here presented in one view : but to make them fitter for their use , I have shorten'd,

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shorten'd, and made some alterations in those of private Composure; which is a common liberty, that (I hope) needs no Excuse. I have moreover made such a disposition of what is chosen out of the Holy Scripture, in Lessons, Meditations, and Sentences; and especially out of the Book of Psalms; (that noble Store-house of Divine Consolations) as to take in what variety I conveniently could; and to put it into such an order, as may tend to the enflaming of the Soul, and to the raising of pure Devotion; agreeably to those heavenly Raptures in the Word of God.

I am sensible 'tis counted no praise, to collect what others have

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have written ; but I seek for none, I have no such unprofitable aim : and I think it inexcusable for any man, to make ostentation in a Work of this Nature; and to found a Trumpet before his Prayers. 'Tis the benefit of Christian Souls, (and nothing else) which is sincerely intended in this small Offering ; and I pray God to give a suitable Blessing to it : and if any one Christian, how mean soever, shall be forwarded by it in the attainment of everlasting Bliss ; I shall not think my labour to be lost. The best commendation of it will be the using of it devoutly : and if any pious Souls shall receive any profit hereby, I shall desire the return of their
Prayers

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Prayers for me ; that during my continuance in this troublesome, and malicious World, I may be supported by the Grace of God, in a successful discharge of my Function ; and may be able to make a Christian preparation for my last End ; and to give a comfortable account of my Stewardship, when I shall be summon'd to the Tribunal of Christ. Amen.

From

From the **L I F E** of
Dr. Hammond, by Bi-
shop *Fell.*

AS to the Forms of Devo-
tion appropriate to his
Extremity, he took care they
should not exclude the Publick
ones; but still gave these a
constant place: And when in
his sharp Agonies his Friends
betook themselves to their ex-
temporary Ejaculations, he
compos'd those Irregularities
by saying; LET US CALL
ON GOD IN THE VOICE
OF HIS CHURCH.

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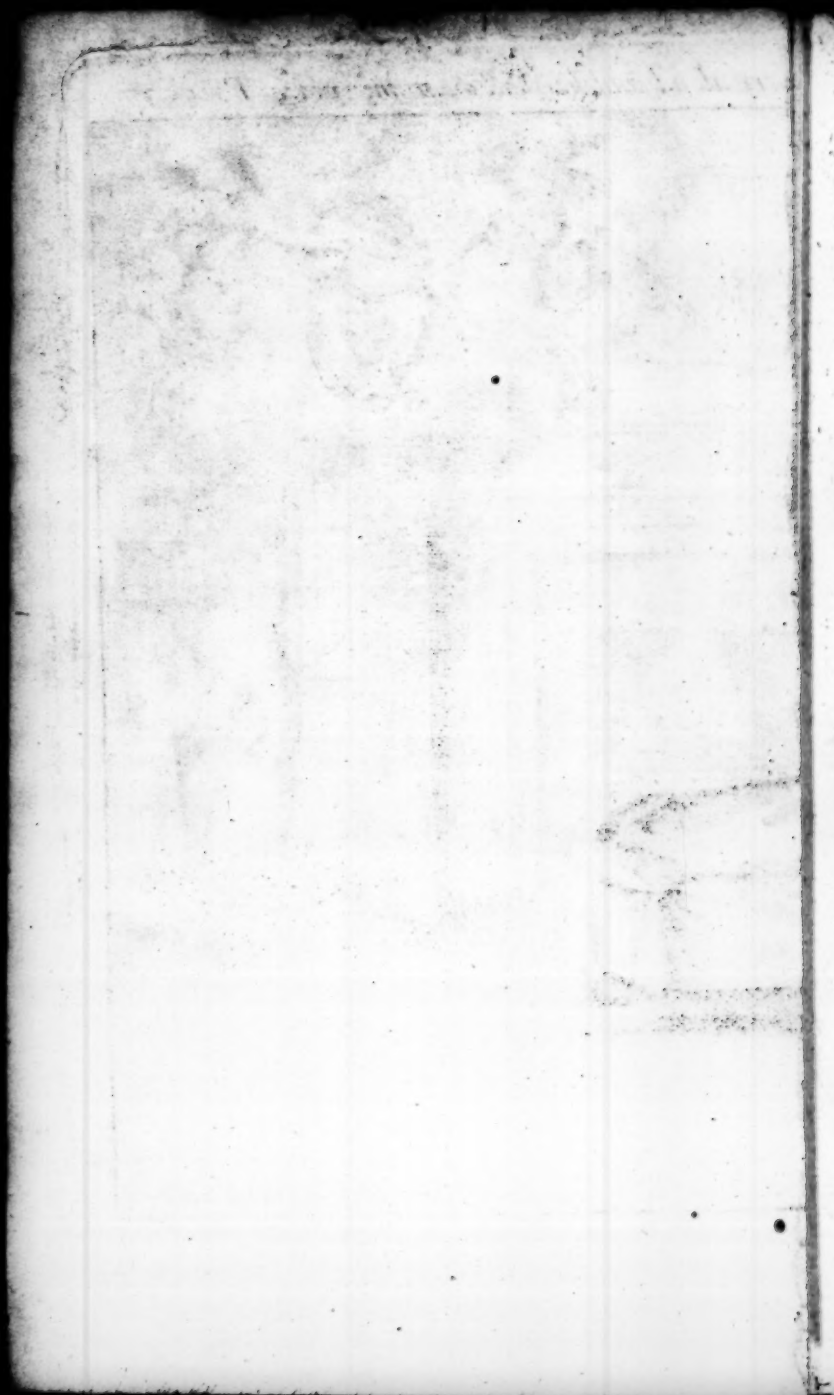
Evening, and Morning, and at Noon will I Pray, &



pray, & cry aloud, and he shall hear my voice. Ps: 55. 17.



I. Storr Sculpsit.



Morning Prayer

FOR THE

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Preparatory Sentences.

IN my Father's house are many Joh. 14. 2.
 mansions: I go to prepare a 3.
 place for you: And if I go,
 and prepare a place for you; I will
 come again, and receive you un-
 to my self; that where I am, there
 ye may be also.

Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed Rev. 16. 15
 is he that watcheth, and keepeth
 his garments.

Blessed, and holy is he that hath Rev. 20. 6.
 part in the first resurrection: on
 B such

such the second death hath no power; but they shall be Priests of God, and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

Heb. 13.
14. Here have we no continuing City, but we seek one to come.

Joh. 6. 54. Who-so eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

Luke, 19.
10. The son of man is come to seek, and to save that which was lost.

Mat. 11. 28 Come unto me all ye that labour, and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

1 Tim. I.
15. This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Gen. 49.
18. I have waited for thy salvation, O Lord.

Luke, 15.
18, 19. I will arise and go to my Father, and will say unto him; Father, I have sinned against Heaven, and before Thee; and am no more worthy to be called thy Son.

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Let us Pray.

A Lmighty, and most merciful Father; We have erred, and strayed from thy ways, like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices, and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things, which we ought to have done: and we have done those things, which we ought not to have done. And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent. According to thy promises declared unto mankind, in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake: that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life: to the glory of thy holy name, Amen.

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ALmighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; who pardonest, and absolveſt all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe thy holy Goſpel: We beſeech Thee, to grant us true repentance, and remiſſion of ſins, and thy holy ſpirit: that thoſe things may pleaſe Thee, which we do at this preſent; and that the reſt of our life hereafter may be pure, and holy; ſo that at the laſt we may come to thy eternal joy, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, *Amen.*

OUR Father, which art in Heaven; Hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in Earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily Bread. And forgive us our trefpaſſes, as we forgive them that trefpaſs againſt us. And lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever, and ever, *Amen.*

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for the Sick.

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O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make hast to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to
the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end,
Amen.

*A Psalm gather'd from the seven
Penitential Psalms.*

I.

1. **O** Lord, rebuke me not in 6. 1.
thine anger, neither chasten
me in thy hot displeasure.

2. Have mercy upon me, O Lord, 6. 2.
For I am weak: O Lord, heal me,
for my bones are vexed.

3. My Soul is also sore vexed: 6. 3.
but thou, O Lord, how long?

4. Thine arrows stick fast in me, 38. 2.
and thy hand presseth me sore.

5. There is no soundness in my 38. 3.
flesh, because of thine anger: nei-
ther is there any rest in my bones,
because of my sin.

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6. For

- 38.4. 6. For mine iniquities are gon
over mine head: as an heavy bur-
den, they are too heavy for me.
- 38.8. 7. I am feeble, and fore smitten:
I have roared by reason of the dis-
quietness of my heart.
- 38.10. 8. My heart panteth, my strength
faileth me: as for the light of mine
eyes, it also is gon from me.
- 143.4. 9. Therefore is my spirit over-
whelmed within me: my heart
within me is desolate.
- 6.4. 10. Return, O Lord, deliver my
Soul: oh save me for thy mercie's
sake.
- 6.5. 11. For in death there is no re-
membrance of thee: in the grave
who shall give thee thanks?
- 102.2. 12. Hide not thy face from me,
in the day when I am in trouble;
incline thine ear unto me: in the
day when I call, answer me speedi-
ly.
- 102.24. 13. I said, O my God, take me
not away in the midst of my days:
thy years are throughout all gene-
rations.

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14. My days are like a shadow 102.11.
that declineth: and I am withered
like grass.

15. Because of thine indignation, 102.10.
and thy wrath; for thou hast lift-
ed me up, and cast me down.

16. But thou, O Lord, shalt en-
dure for ever; and thy remem-
brance unto all generations.

II.

1. **O**Ut of the depths have I 130.1.
cried unto thee, O Lord.

2. Lord, hear my voice: let 130.2.
thine ears be attentive to the voice
of my supplications.

3. If thou, Lord, should'st mark 130.3.
iniquities; O Lord, who shall stand?

4. But there is forgiveness with 130.4.
thee; that thou mayest be feared.

5. I wait for the Lord, my soul 130.5.
doth wait, and in his word do I
hope.

6. Blessed is he, whose transgres- 32.1.
sion is forgiven, whose sin is co-
vered.

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7. Blessed

32. 2. 7. Blessed is the man, unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

143. 1. 8. Hear my Prayer, O Lord, give ear to my supplications: in thy faithfulness answer me, and in thy righteousness.

143. 2. 9. And enter not into judgment with thy servant: for in thy sight shall no man living be justify'd.

143. 6. 10. I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul thirsteth after thee, as a thirsty land.

143. 7. 11. Hear me speedily, O Lord, my spirit faileth: hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

143. 8. 12. Cause me to hear thy loving kindness in the morning, for in thee do I trust: Cause me to know the way wherein I should walk, for I lift up my soul unto thee.

143. 9. 13. Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies; I flee unto thee to hide me.

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14. Teach me to do thy will, 143. 10.
for thou art my God : thy spirit is
good, lead me into the land of
uprightness.

15. Quicken me, O Lord, for thy 143. 11.
name's sake : for thy righteousness
sake bring my soul out of trouble.

16. I acknowledged my sin unto 32. 5.
thee, and mine iniquity have I not
hid : I said, I will confess my
transgressions unto the Lord ; and
thou forgavest the iniquity of my
sin.

17. For this shall every one 32. 6.
that is godly pray unto thee, in a
time when thou may'st be found :
surely in the floods of great waters,
they shall not come nigh unto him.

18. Thou art my hiding place, 32. 7.
thou shalt preserve me from trouble :
thou shalt compass me about with
songs of deliverance.

III.

III.

51. 1. 1. **H**Ave mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving kindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies, blot out my transgressions.
51. 2. 2. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.
51. 3. 3. For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
51. 5. 4. Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.
51. 7. 5. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
51. 8. 6. Make me to hear joy, and gladness; that the bones, which thou hast broken, may rejoyce.
51. 9. 7. Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.
51. 10. 8. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.
9. Cast

for the Sick.

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9. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. 51.11.

10. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken, and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. 51.17.

11. Lord, all my desire is before Thee; and my groaning is not hid from Thee. 38.9.

12. For in Thee, O Lord, do I hope; thou wilt hear, O Lord my God. 38.15.

13. For I will declare mine iniquity; I will be sorry for my sin. 38.18.

14. Forsake me not, O Lord: O my God, be not far from me. 38.21.

15. Make hast to help me, O Lord my salvation. 38.22.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

Lessons

Morning Prayer

Lessons for a Week.

1 Day, { 1 Less. } { *Is.* 40.
 { 2 Less. } { *Joh.* 11.

2 Day, { 1 Less. } { *Is.* 38.
 { 2 Less. } { *Mat.* 25.

3 Day, { 1 Less. } { *Job.* 14.
 { 2 Less. } { *Luk.* 16.

4 Day, { 1 Less. } { *Job.* 19.
 { 2 Less. } { *Joh.* 15.

5 Day, { 1 Less. } { *Jon.* 2.
 { 2 Less. } { *Joh.* 16.

6 Day, { 1 Less. } { *Hab.* 3.
 { 2 Less. } { *Joh.* 17.

7 Day, { 1 Less. } { *Is.* 26.
 { 2 Less. } { *Luk.* 12.

After

After the first Lesson.

WE praise thee, O God: we
acknowledge thee to be the
Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee,
the Father everlasting.

To thee all Angels cry aloud;
the heavens, and all the powers
therein.

To thee Cherubin, and Seraphin
continually do cry, Holy, Holy, Ho-
ly, Lord God of Sabaoth.

Heaven, and earth are full of
the Majesty of thy glory.

The glorious company of the
Apostles praise Thee.

The goodly fellowship of the
Prophets praise Thee.

The noble army of Martyrs
praise Thee.

The holy Church throughout all
the world doth acknowledge Thee;

The Father of an infinite Maje-
sty;

Thine

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Thine honourable, true, and only Son ;

Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

Thou art the King of glory, O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.

When thou had'st overcome the sharpness of death, thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.

We believe, that thou shalt come to be our judge.

We therefore pray Thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood: Make them to be numbred with thy saints, in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine heritage.

Govern

Govern them, and lift them up
for ever.

Day by day we magnify Thee :
And we worship thy Name, ever
world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us
this day without sin.

O Lord , have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy lighten
upon us ; as our trust is in Thee.

O Lord, in Thee have I trusted ;
let me never be confounded.

After the second Lesson. Psalm 93.

THe Lord reigneth, he is clothed with Majesty ; the Lord is clothed with strength, where-with he hath girded himself : the world also is established, that it cannot be moved.

Thy throne is established of old :
thou art from everlasting.

The floods have lifted up , O
Lord, the floods have lifted up their
voice : the floods lift up their waves.

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The Lord on high is mightier
than the noise of many waters, yea
than the mighty waves of the Sea.

Thy testimonies are very sure:
holiness becometh thine house, O
Lord, for ever.

The Creed of the Apostles.

I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth : and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord ; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost ; born of the Virgin Mary ; suffered under Pontius Pilate ; was crucified, dead, and buried ; He descended into hell ; the third day he rose again from the dead ; He ascended into heaven ; and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty ; from thence he shall come to judge the quick , and the dead. I believe in the holy Ghost ; the holy Catholick Church ; the Communion of Saints ; the forgiveness of sins ; the Resurrection of the body ; and the Life everlasting, Amen. *Let*

Let us Pray.

Remember not, Lord, our iniquities, nor the iniquities of our forefathers. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever.

Lord have mercy upon us.

Christ have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which art in heaven; Hallowed be thy Name: Thy kingdom come: Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven: Give us this day our daily bread: And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us: And lead us not into temptation: but deliver us from evil. Amen.

O Lord, save thy servant;
Which putteth *His* trust in thee.

Send *Him* help from thy holy place;

And evermore mightily defend
Him. C Let

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Let the enemy have no advantage of *Him*;

Nor the wicked approach to hurt *Him*.

Be unto *Him*, O Lord, a strong tower,

From the face of *His* Enemy.

O Lord, hear our Prayers :

And let our cry come unto thee

O Lord, look down from Heaven, behold, visit, and relieve this thy servant. Look upon *him* with the eyes of thy mercy; give *Him* comfort, and sure confidence in thee defend *Him* from the danger of the Enemy; and keep *Him* in perpetual peace, and safety, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Hear us, Almighty, and most merciful God and Saviour; extend thy accustomed goodness to this thy servant, who is grieved with Sickness; sanctifie, we beseech thee, this thy fatherly correction to *him* that the sense of his weakness may
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add strength to *his* Faith, and seriousness to *his* Repentance. That if it shall be thy good pleasure, to restore *him* to *his* former health, he may lead the residue of *his* Life in thy fear, and to thy glory: or else give *him* grace so to take thy visitation, that after this painful Life ended, *he* may dwell with thee in life everlasting, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty, everlasting God, maker of mankind, who dost correct those whom thou dost love, and chastise every one whom thou dost receive; We beseech thee to have mercy upon this thy Servant visited with thine hand; and to grant that *he* may take *his* Sickness patiently, and recover *his* bodily health; (if it be thy gracious will) and whensoever *his* Soul shall depart from the Body, it may be without spot presented unto thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*This Prayer
is not to
be used for
one that is
aged.*

O Almighty God, and merciful Father, to whom alone belong the issues of life, and death ; look down from Heaven , we humbly beseech thee , with the eyes of mercy, upon this thy Servant now lying upon the Bed of Sicknes : Visi*t* *him*, O Lord, with thy Salvation ; deliver *him* in thy good appointed time from *his* bodily pain ; and save *his* Soul for thy mercies sake. That if it shall be thy pleasure to prolong *his* days here on Earth, *he* may live to thee, and be an instrument of thy glory, by serving thee faithfully, and doing good in *his* Generation : or else receive *him* into those Heavenly Habitations, where the Souls of them that sleep in the Lord Jesus, enjoy perpetual rest , and felicity. Grant this, O Lord, for thy mercies sake, in the same thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth, and reigneth with thee , and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, World without end. *Amen.* O

O most merciful God, who, according to the multitude of thy mercies, dost so put away the sins of those who truly repent, that thou remembrest them no more; Open thine Eye of mercy upon this thy Servant, who most earnestly desireth pardon, and forgiveness. Renew in *him*, most loving Father, whatsoever hath been decayed by the fraud, and malice of the Devil, or by *his* own carnal Will, and frailness: preserve, and continue this sick member in the unity of the Church; consider *his* contrition, accept *his* tears, assuage *his* pain, as shall seem to thee most expedient for *him*. And forasmuch as *he* putteth *his* full trust only in thy mercy, impute not unto *him* *his* former sins; but strengthen *him* with thy blessed spirit: and whensoever thou shalt be pleased to take *him* from hence, take *him* unto thy favour, through the merits of thy most dearly beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*This Prayer
may
sometimes
be omitted.*

O Father of mercies, and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need ; We fly unto thee for succour , in behalf of this thy Servant, here lying under thy hand in great weakness of body. Look graciously upon *him*, O Lord ; and the more the outward man decayeth, strengthen *him*, we beseech thee, so much the more continually with thy grace, and holy spirit in the inner man. Give *him* unfeigned repentance for all the errors of *his* life past, and stedfast faith in thy Son Jesus ; that *his* sins may be done away by thy mercy, and *his* pardon sealed in Heaven, before *he* go hence, and be no more seen. We know, O Lord, that there is no word impossible with thee ; and that if thou wilt, thou canst raise *him* up, and grant *him* a longer continuance amongst us : but howsoever thou shalt be pleased to deal with *him*, so fit , and prepare *him*, we beseech thee , against the hour
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of death, whenever thy good providence shall order it; that after *his* departure hence in peace, and in thy favour, *his* Soul may be receiv'd into thine everlasting Kingdom, through the merits, and mediation of Jesus Christ thine only Son, our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

O God, who art the author of Peace and lover of Concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; defend us thy humble Servants in all assaults of our Enemies; that we surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversary, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord our Heavenly Father, Almighty, and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; defend us in the same with thy mighty power: and grant that this day we
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O God, the Creator, and Preserver of all Mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts, and conditions of Men ; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for the good estate of the Catholick Church ; that it may be so guided, and governed by thy good spirit, that all who profess, and call themselves Christians, may be led into the way of truth ; and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy Fatherly goodness, all those who are any ways afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body, or estate ; (especially thy

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out of all their afflictions. And
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O God, merciful Father, that despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as be sorrowful; mercifully assist our Prayers, that we make before thee in all our troubles, and adversities, whensoever they oppress us: and graciously hear us, that those evils which the craft, and subtilty of the Devil, or Man worketh against us, be brought to nought, and by the providence of thy goodness they may be dispersed; that we thy Servants being hurt by no afflictions, may evermore give thanks unto thee in thy holy Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Almighty, and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities; and in all our dangers, and necessities, stretch forth thy right hand to help, and defend us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, we beseech thee favourably to hear our Prayers; that we, who are justly punished for our Offences, may be mercifully deliver'd, for the glory of thy Name; and by thy great Goodness we may be governed, and preserved evermore, both in Body, and Soul, through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly Wills and Affections of sinful men; grant unto thy People, that they may love the things which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so among the sundry, and manifold changes of the World, our Hearts may surely there be fixed, where true Joys are to be found, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty

A Lmighty God, unto whom all Hearts are open, all Desires known, and from whom no Secrets are hid; cleanse the Thoughts of our hearts, by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit; that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnifie thy holy Name, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Lmighty God, Father of all Mercies, we thine unworthy Servants do give thee most humble, and hearty Thanks, for all thy goodness, and loving-kindness to us, and to all men. We bleſs thee for our Creation, Preservation, and all the Blessings of this life: but above all, for thine inestimable love, in the redemption of the World by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy Mercies, that our Hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we may

may shew forth thy Praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee, and the Holy Ghost, be all honour, and glory, World without end. *Amen.*

Assist us mercifully, O Lord, in these our Supplications, and Prayers; and dispose the way of thy Servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation: that among all the changes, and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by thy most gracious, and ready help, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Almighty Lord, and Everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctifie, and govern both our Hearts, and Bodies, in the ways of thy Laws, and in the works of thy Commandments; that
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through thy most mighty protection, both here, and ever, we may be preserved in Body, and Soul, through our Lord, and Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

O God, our refuge, and strength, who art the Author of all Godliness: Be ready, we beseech thee, to hear our Prayers; and grant that those things which we ask faithfully, we may obtain effectually, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THe grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with us all evermore.
Amen.

Evening

Evening Prayer

FOR THE

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Preparatory Sentences.

THE Hour is coming, in Joh. 5. 28, 29.
 which all that are in the
 Graves shall hear his voice,
 and shall come forth ; they that
 have done good, unto the resurre-
 ction of Life ; and they that have
 done evil, unto the resurrection of
 Damnation.

I must work the works of him Joh. 9. 4.
 that sent me, while it is day : the
 night cometh , when no man can
 work.

Phil. 1. 23. I am in a strait, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ.

Jer. 10. 24. O Lord, correct me, but with judgment; not in thine anger, lest thou bring me to nothing.

1 Cor. 11. 32. When we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the World.

Job, 5. 17, 18. Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth: therefore despise not thou the chastning of the Almighty: For he maketh sore, and bindeth up; he woundeth, and his hands make whole.

Job, 2. 10. Shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil?

Heb. 9. 27. It is appointed unto Men once to die, but after this the Judgment.

Rev. 22. 14. Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the Tree of Life, and may enter in through the Gates into the City.

1 Joh. 2. 1. & 1. 9. If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. If we confess our sins,

sins, he is faithful, and just, to forgive us our sins', and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us pray.

L Et thy merciful Ears, O Lord, be open to the Prayers of thy humble Servants ; and that we may obtain our Petitions, make us to ask such things as shall please thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Lmighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men ; we acknowledge, and bewail our manifold sins, and wickedness : which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy Divine Majesty ; provoking most justly thy Wrath, and Indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our Misdoings ; the remembrance of them

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is grievous unto us ; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most Merciful Father ; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past ; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve, and please thee in newness of life ; to the honour , and glory of thy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, we beseech thee, mercifully hear our Prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins unto thee : that they whose Consciences by sin are accused, by thy merciful Pardon may be absolved , through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Most Mighty God , and Merciful Father, who hast Compassion upon all men, and hatest nothing that thou hast made ; who wouldest not the death of a Sinner, but that he should rather
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turn from his sin, and be saved: Mercifully forgive us our Trespases; receive, and comfort us, who are grieved, and wearied with the burden of our sins. Thy Property is always to have mercy; to thee only it appertaineth to forgive Sins. Spare us therefore, good Lord, spare thy People whom thou hast redeemed; enter not into Judgment with thy Servants, who are vile Earth, and miserable Sinners: but so turn thine Anger from us, who meekly acknowledge our vileness, and truly repent us of our faults; and so make hast to help us in this World, that we may ever live with thee in the World to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

OUR Father, which art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done in Earth, as it is in Heaven; Give us this day our daily Bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass
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against us ; And lead us not into temptation ; But deliver us from evil : For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever, and ever. *Amen.*

A Psalm gather'd from these Psalms, the 16, 25, 31, 63, 71, 73, and 94.

I

71. 1. 1. **I**N thee, O Lord, do I put my trust ; let me never be put to confusion.
71. 2. 2. Deliver me in thy righteousness, and cause me to escape : incline thine Ear unto me, and save me.
71. 3. 3. Be thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort : for thou art my rock, and my fortress.
71. 4, 5. 4. Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked : for thou art my hope, O Lord God ; thou art my trust from my youth.

5. By

for the Sick.

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5. By thee I have been holden
up from the womb: thou art he
that took me out of my Mothers
bowels; my praise shall be conti-
nually of thee. 71.6.

6. Let my mouth be filled with
thy Praise, and with thy Honour
all the day. 71.8.

7. O God, be not far from me: 71.12.
O my God, make haste for my
help.

8. My mouth shall shew forth
thy Righteousness, and thy Salva-
tion all the day: for I know not
the numbers thereof. 71.15.

9. I will go in the strength of
the Lord God; I will make men-
tion of thy Righteousness, which is
very high: O God, who is like
unto thee? 71.16,
19.

10. Thou which hast shewed
me great, and sore Troubles, shalt
quicken me again; and shalt bring
me up again from the depth of the
Earth. 71.20.

11. My Lips shall greatly rejoyce,
when I sing unto thee: and my
71.23.

Soul which thou hast redeemed.

94. 12. 12. Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O Lord ; and teachest him out of thy Law.

94. 17. 13. Unless the Lord had been my help, my Soul had almost dwelt in silence.

94. 18. 14. When I said, my foot slip-peth ; thy Mercy, O Lord, held me up.

94. 19. 15. In the multitude of my Thoughts within me, thy Comforts delight my Soul.

94. 22. 16. For the Lord is my defence: and my God is the Rock of my refuge.

II.

25. 1. 1. **U**Nto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my Soul.

25. 4. 2. Shew me thy ways, O Lord ; teach me thy paths.

25. 5. 3. Lead me in thy Truth, and teach me : for thou art the God of my Salvation ; on thee do I wait all the day.

4. Remember

for the Sick.

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4. Remember, O Lord, thy tender Mercies, and thy loving Kindnesses: for they have been ever of old. 25.6.

5. Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to thy mercy remember thou me, for thy goodness sake, O Lord. 25.7.

6. For thy Name's sake, O Lord, pardon mine Iniquity: for it is great. 25.11.

7. Mine eyes are ever towards the Lord: for he shall pluck my feet out of the Net. 25.15.

8. Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me: for I am desolate, and afflicted. 25.16.

9. The troubles of my heart are enlarged: O bring thou me out of my distresses. 25.17.

10. Look upon mine affliction, and my pain; and forgive all my sins. 25.18.

11. O keep my Soul, and deliver me: let me not be ashamed, for I put my trust in thee. 25.20.

31.19. 12. O, how great is thy goodness,
which thou hast laid up for them
that fear thee; which thou hast
wrought for them that trust in thee,
before the Sons of men!

31.15,
16. 13. My times are in thy hand:
Make thy face to shine upon thy
Servant, and save me for thy Mer-
cy's sake.

31.5. 14. Into thine hand I commit
my Spirit: thou hast redeemed me,
O Lord God of Truth.

III.

63.1. 1. **O** God, thou art my God,
early will I seek thee:
my Soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh
longeth for thee, in a dry, and
thirsty land, where no water is.

63.3. 2. Because thy loving-kindness
is better than life, my lips shall
praise thee.

63.4. 3. Thus will I bless thee, while
I live: I will lift up my hands in
thy Name.

4. My

for the Sick.

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4. My Soul shall be satisfied as 63. 5.
with marrow and fatness : and my
mouth shall praise thee with joyful
lips :

5. When I remember thee upon 63. 6.
my bed, and meditate on thee in the
Night-watches.

6. My Soul followeth hard after 63. 8.
thee : thy right hand upholdeth
me.

7. Preserve me, O God, for in thee 16. 1.
do I put my trust.

8. O my Soul, thou hast said 16. 2.
unto the Lord, thou art my Lord :
my goodness extendeth not to
thee.

9. The Lord is the portion of 16. 5.
mine inheritance, and of my cup :
thou maintainest my lot.

10. I have set the Lord always 16. 8.
before me : because he is at my
right hand , I shall not be mo-
ved.

11. Therefore my heart is glad, 16. 9.
and my glory rejoiceth : my flesh
also shall rest in hope.

12. For

16. 11.

12. For thou wilt shew me the path of life : in thy presence is fulness of Joy ; at thy right hand there are Pleasures for evermore.

73. 25.

13. Whom have I in Heaven, but thee ? and there is none upon Earth that I desire besides thee.

73. 26.

14. My flesh, and my heart faileth : but God is the strength of my heart , and my portion for ever.

73. 24.

15. Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel ; and afterward receive me to glory.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost :

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be , World without end. Amen.

Lessons for a Week.

1 Day, { 1 Less. } { Lam. 3.
 { 2 Less. } { 2 Cor. 5.

2 Day, { 1 Less. } { Job, 7.
 { 2 Less. } { Phil. 3.

3 Day, { 1 Less. } { Job, 21.
 { 2 Less. } { 1 Thess. c. 4.
 from v. 13.
 and c. 5.

4 Day, { 1 Less. } { Job, 33.
 { 2 Less. } { Heb. 12.

5 Day, { 1 Less. } { Mal. 3.
 { 2 Less. } { Rom. 8.

6 Day, { 1 Less. } { Eccl. 11.
 { 2 Less. } { 1 Pet. 1.

7 Day, { 1 Less. } { Is. 64.
 { 2 Less. } { 1 Cor. 15.

After

After the first Lesson, Psal 24.

THe Earth is the Lord's , and the fulness thereof; the World, and they that dwell therein.

For he hath founded it upon the Seas , and establish'd it upon the Floods.

Who shall ascend into the Hill of the Lord ? and who shall stand in his Holy place ?

He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart ; who hath not lift up his Soul to vanity , nor sworn deceitfully.

He shall receive the blessing from the Lord , and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

This is the generation of them that seek him ; that seek thy face, O Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors ; and the King of Glory shall come in.

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Who is this King of Glory? the Lord strong, and mighty, the Lord mighty in battel.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, even lift them up ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of Glory? the Lord of hosts, he is the King of Glory.

After the Second Lesson.

LOrd, now lettest thou thy Servant depart in peace; according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation:

Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles; and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen.

The

The Nicene Creed.

I Believe in one God the Father Almighty, maker of Heaven and Earth, and of all things visible, and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God; begotten of his Father before all Worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made: Who for us Men, and for our Salvation came down from Heaven; and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary; and was made Man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate: He suffered, and was buried; and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into Heaven; and sitteth on the right hand of the Father: and he shall come again with glory, to judge both the quick, and the dead:

dead : Whose Kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and giver of Life ; who proceedeth from the Father, and the Son ; who with the Father, and the Son together is worshipped, and glorify'd ; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one Catholick , and Apostolick Church : I acknowledge one Baptism for the Remission of Sins : and I look for the Resurrection of the Dead ; and the Life of the World to come.

Amen.

Let us Pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, which art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy Name ; Thy kingdom come ; Thy will be done in Earth, as it is in Heaven ; Give us this day our daily bread ; And forgive us our Trespases, as
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we forgive them that Trespas a-
gainst us ; And lead us not into
Temptation ; but deliver us from
evil : For thine is the kingdom, and
the power, and the glory, for ever,
and ever. *Amen.*

A Almighty , and everlasting
God , who hatest nothing
that thou hast made, and dost for-
give the Sins of all them that are
penitent ; Create, and make in us
new, and contrite Hearts ; that we
worthily lamenting our Sins, and
acknowledging our wretchedness,
may obtain of thee , the God of
all mercy, perfect remission, and
forgiveness, through Jesus Christ
our Lord. *Amen.*

O God , from whom all holy
desires, all good counsels,
and all just works do proceed ;
Give unto thy Servants that peace,
which the World cannot give; that
both our hearts may be set to o-
bey thy commandments ; and also
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that by thee we being defended from the fear of our Enemies, may pass our time in rest, and quietness, through the Merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Lighten our Darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils, and dangers of this Night, for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, *Amen.*

Almighty God, who dost govern all things in Heaven, and Earth; mercifully hear our Supplications, and grant us thy Peace all the days of our life; and such strength, and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all Temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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Almighty

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of our selves to help our selves ; Keep us both outwardly in our Bodies, and inwardly in our Souls ; that we may be defended from all Adversities which may happen to the Body, and from all evil Thoughts which may assault, and hurt the Soul ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, from whom all good things do come ; Grant to us thy humble Servants , that by thy holy Inspiration we may think those things that be good ; and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same, through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O God, the strength of all them that put their trust in thee ; Keep us , we beseech thee , under the protection of thy good Providence ; and make us to have a
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perpetual fear , and love of thy holy Name , through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord , we beseech thee, absolve us from our offences ; that by thy bountiful Goodness , we may be deliver'd from the Bands of those Sins, which by our frailty we have committed ; and may by thy mighty aid be defended, and comforted in all dangers, and adversities, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God , the Protector of all that trust in thee, we pray thee , that thy grace may always prevent, and follow us ; and that thou being our Ruler, and Guide, we may so pass through things Temporal, that we finally lose not the things Eternal : Grant this , O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, who hast prepared for them that love thee, such good things as pass Man's understanding; Pour into our Hearts such love towards thee, that we loving thee above all things, may obtain thy Promises, which exceed all that we can desire; and that through the Grave, and Gate of death, we may pass to our joyful Resurrection, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, whose never-failing Providence ordereth all things both in Heaven, and Earth; We humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which be profitable for us; that we may faithfully serve thee in this life, and finally not finally to attain thy heavenly Promises, through the Merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, whose nature, and property is ever to have mercy, and to forgive; receive our humble Petitions; and tho' we be tied, and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of thy great mercy loose us, for the honour of Jesus Christ our Mediator, and Advocate. *Amen.*

O God, who declarest thy Almighty power, most chiefly in shewing mercy, and pity; Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we running the way of thy Commandments, may obtain thy gracious Promises; and be made partakers of thy heavenly Treasure, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Almighty, and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear, than we to pray; Mercifully grant, that thy holy Spirit may in all things direct, and rule

our Hearts : and pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy ; forgiving us those things whereof our Conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask ; but through the Merits, and Mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

Here such Prayers for the Sick Person, as shall be thought needful, may be taken in from the Morning Service.

GRant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil Deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved : and that we may come to those unspeakable Joys, which thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love thee, through our Lord, and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Almighty

Almighty God , who hast given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee ; and dost Promise , that when two, or three are gathered together in thy Name , thou wilt grant their requests ; Fulfil now , O Lord , the Desires, and Petitions of thy Servants, (and especially of this thy afflicted Servant) as may be most expedient for them ; granting us in this World knowledge of thy truth, and in the World to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the Fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Occasional Prayers

FOR THE

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A Prayer for one troubled in Mind.

O Blessed Lord, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comforts; we beseech thee, look down in Pity, and Compassion upon this thy afflicted Servant. Thou writest bitter things against *him*, and makest *him* to possess *his* former iniquities; thy wrath lieth hard upon *him*, and *his* Soul is full of trouble. But, O merciful God, who hast written thy holy Word for our learning, that we through

through patience, and comfort of thy holy Scriptures, might have hope; give *him* a right understanding of *himself*, and of thy Threats, and Promises; that *he* may neither cast away *his* confidence in thee, nor place it any where but in thee. Give *him* strength against all *his* Temptations, and heal all *his* Distempers. Break not the bruised Reed, nor quench the smoking flax. Shut not up thy tender mercies in displeasure; but make *him* to hear of joy, and gladness, that the Bones which thou hast broken may rejoyce. Deliver *him* from fear of the Enemy, and lift up the light of thy Countenance upon *him*; and give *him* peace, through the Merits, and Mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayers

Prayers to be said with a sick person.

From Bp.
Patrick.

O Lord, the Father of our Spirits, who givest us life, and breath, and all things; we sinful dust, and ashes, blush to lift up our Eyes unto Heaven, when we consider thy Holiness, and our Impurity; thy Wisdom, and our Folly; thy Power, and our Weakness, thy Eternity, and our short continuance. But so great is thy mercy, that thou hast encourag'd us to approach unto thee with some confidence, that thou wilt graciously receive us, tho' we have highly offended thee: having sent thy Son into the World to save Sinners, and to comfort us with the hope of immortal Life. Behold, O Lord, the oblation which we make to thee, of thankful Hearts devoted to thy Service: whose love, and tender mercies have so exceedingly abounded towards us. We praise thee for this great Salvation; and hum.

humbly hope, that thou who hast not spared thy own Son, but hast deliver'd him up for us all, wilt with him also freely give us all things. O thou Father of mercies, and God of all comfort, who hast not thought a Crown of everlasting Life too much to promise us ; We believe, that thou wilt not deny us what is needful, and fit for us , both for our Souls, and our Bodies, in our passage through this World to that honour, glory, and immortality. In this confidence we more particularly recommend this thy sick servant to thy infinite, and most compassionate mercy. Settle in *his* Soul a stedfast Faith, that thou dost not willingly grieve the children of Men ; but intendest good to *him* by this affliction. And now that other pleasures and enjoyments fail *him*, represent thy self effectually unto *him*, as *his* true Happiness, and Satisfaction. Wherein soever *he* hath neglected thee , or committed any offence against

against thee, make *him* deeply sensible of it; and heartily sorrowful for all *his* Transgressions. And as *he* earnestly desires pardon, and forgiveness of thee; so work in *him* a serious resolution, to live more circumspectly, and righteously for the time to come. Assist *him* graciously, O Lord; that *he* may give a proof of his sincere intentions, hereafter to submit *himself* in all things to thy Will, by *his* patient submission to thy Fatherly correction now. O that *he* may so quietly, so meekly, so humbly, and chearfully resign *his* will unto thee, to suffer what thou inflictdest; that *he* may be the more disposed to do readily whatsoever thou commandest. For which end make *him* thoroughly apprehensive of thy sovereign power, and authority over all Creatures. Possess *him* with a great reverence of thy Wisdom, and Justice; with an entire confidence in thy goodness, and love; and with a thankful remembrance of

of all thy past mercies to *him*, which have been innumerable. That so *he* may the better endure, what thou layest upon *him* at present, and may ever choose to follow thy directions, and submit to thy orders, and delight to do thy Will, O God.

Bless the remedies that are used, for the restoring *him* to *his* former health; that *he* may live to perform *his* holy purposes. Or if thou hast otherwise appointed, accept of them graciously; and dispose *him* to return back *his* spirit willingly unto thee who gavest it; and with great humility, and deep sense of his own undeservings, to expect thy mercy declared in Christ Jesus. Fix *his* mind stedfastly upon him, who hath led the way through the Grave unto Heaven: that *he* may not be affrighted with the approaches of Death; but looking beyond it to that high, and holy place,* where the Lord Jesus is, may rejoyce in hope of Eternal Glory. And

And grant that every one of us, in our best estate of health, may consider perpetually how frail, and weak we are. That so we may not abuse our selves by an intemperate use of any of the pleasures of Sense; nor load our Minds with the cares of this Life; nor spend our days in a vain pursuit of the honour, and glory of this World: but may pass all the time of our sojourning here in fear; and may live so righteously, and soberly in this present World, as becomes those who expect shortly to give an account to thee, who wilt judge all Men according to their works. Hear us, O Lord, we most humbly beseech thee, through Christ Jesus our merciful, and compassionate High Priest; who sits at thy Right Hand, and lives for ever to make intercession for us. *Amen.*

I.

Almighty God, Father of mercies, the God of Peace, and Comfort, of Rest, and Pardon; we thy Servants, tho' unworthy to pray to thee, yet in Duty to thee, and Charity to our *Brother*, humbly beg mercy of thee for *him*, to descend upon *his* Body, and *his* Soul. We come to thee in the Name of Jesus, for the Merits of our Saviour, and the Mercies of our God, praying thee to pardon the sins of this thy Servant, and to put them all upon 'the accounts of the Cross, and to bury them in the Grave of Jesus: that they may never rise up in judgment against *him*, nor bring *him* in the day of Trial to shame, and confusion of Face.

Amen.

II.

II.

Give thy Servant, O Lord, Patience in *his* Sorrows, Comfort in *his* Sicknes; and restore *him* to health, if it seem good to thee. And however thou shalt determine concerning *him* in this affair, yet make *his* Repentance perfect, and *his* Faith strong, and *his* Hope stedfast, and *his* Passage safe: that when thou shalt call *his* Soul from the Prison of the Body, it may enter into the Rest of the Sons of God, and the Bosom of Blessedness, with the Holy Jesus. *Amen.*

III.

O Lord, thou knowest all the necessities, and all the infirmities of thy Servant: fortify *his* Soul with spiritual Joys, and perfect resignation; and take from *him* all inordinate affections to this World;

World; and enlarge his Heart with desires of being with thee, and of freedom from sin, and of the fruition of God. *Amen.*

IV.

Lord, let not any Pain, or Passion discompose the order of *his* Thoughts, or *his* Duty: and lay no more upon thy Servant, than thou wilt make *him* able to bear; and together with the Temptation do thou provide a way to escape; even by the mercies of a longer, and more holy Life; or by the mercies of a blessed death: even as it pleaseth thee, O Lord, so let it be. *Amen.*

V.

Lord, let the tenderness of *his* Conscience, and the Spirit of God call to mind *his* sins, that they may be confessed, and repented of: and let thy powerful Grace
F remove

remove from *his* Soul every root of bitterness : and in the union of the holy Jesus, and in the love of God, and in the communion of all the Saints, let this Soul be presented to thee blameless, and entirely pardon'd, and thoroughly washed, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

VI.

O Holy, and most gracious Saviour, in whose Hands the Souls of all faithful People are laid up till the day of recompence ; have mercy upon the Soul, and Body of this thy Servant : refresh *him* with the aids of the Spirit of grace, and comfort ; and supply all *his* necessities known only unto thee. Let *him* dwell in peace, feeling thy pardon, supported by thy goodness, absolved by thy sentence, and saved by thy mercy : that whenever *his* Soul shall go out from the Body, it may be received

ceived by Angels, and preserved from Evil Spirits, and laid up in thy Bosom: and that at the day of thy second coming, his Body may be raised up with power, to behold for ever the Face of God, in the Glories of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for one that lies under a sudden Stroke.

O Most gracious Father, Lord From Bp. Taylour. of Heaven, and Earth, Judge of the living, and the dead; behold thy Servants running to thee for pity, and mercy, in behalf of our selves, and this thy Servant, whom thou hast suddenly smitten with thy Rod. If it be thy will, preserve *his* life, that there may be place for *his* repentance and restitution: O spare *him* a little, that *he* may recover *his* strength, before *he* goe hence, and be no more seen. But if thou hast otherwise decreed, let the miracles of thy Compassion, and thy wonderful

F 2 Mercy

Mercy supply to *him* the want of the usual measures of Time , and the periods of Repentance, and the trimming of *his* Lamp : and let the greatness of the Calamity be accepted by thee, as an Instrument to procure pardon for those defects, and degrees of unreadiness, which may have caused this Accident upon thy Servant. Lord, stir up in *him* a great , and effectual Contrition ; that the greatness of *his* Sorrow, and hatred against sin, and the zeal of *his* love to thee, may in a short time do the work of many days. And thou who regardest the Heart , and the measures of the Mind more than those of Time , be pleas'd to rescue the Soul of thy Servant , from all the Evils *he* hath deserv'd , and all the Evils *he* fears : that in the Songs of Eternity it may be reckon'd among thy glories, that thou hast redeemed this Soul from the dangers of Eternal death ; and made *him* partaker of the gift of God
Eterna

Eternal life, through Jesus Christ
our Lord. *Amen.*

*A Parent's Prayer for a sick
Child.*

O Lord, by whose infinite From Bp.
Patrick. Goodness I was brought
into this World, and by whose
indulgent Care I have been conti-
nu'd here unto this time; in the
enjoyment of many Blessings, of
the least of which I am unworthy:
I thank thee, that to all other
Comforts of this life thou hast
added the gift of this Child;
whom thou hast preserved in the
womb, and the birth, and ever since,
by a marvellous Providence. I am
sensible, that all I have is thine: and
that I am but intrusted with this,
as with all other good things; which
I must return to thee whensoever
thou pleasest. Lord, assist me with
the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that
I may resign this Child to thee (if
thou art pleased now to call for it)

with an humble, contented, patient, and thankful Mind: believing thou knowest what is better for me, and for this Child, than I do my self; and wilt certainly recompence such meek, and quiet submission to thee, with as good, or better Enjoyments than those thou takest away. But if thou thinkest good still to prolong the days of this Child, and to continue it with me; behold, O Lord, the unfeigned purpose of my Heart, faithfully to discharge my trust, and to bring it up in the fear, and nurture of the Lord. Unto thee, O Lord, I most heartily commend both it, and my self; whose Wisdom knows where it is best to place thy Creatures, whether in this or in the other World; and whose Goodness designs to make us happy in both. To thee the only wise, and good God, be all Praise, Honour, Glory, and Thanksgiving; with Fear, and Reverence, Love, and Obedience, both now, and eternally. *Amen.*

*A Prayer for a Woman at the time
of her Travel.*

O Most Mighty Lord, who From Bp.
Patrick. hast given us innumerable pledges of thy Love; and encouraged us to trust in thee for ever, and to expect with quiet, and patient Minds the issue of thy wise, and good Providence: We most humbly commend thy Servant, in this her extremity, to thy care, and blessing; beseeching thee to give her a gracious Deliverance, and to ease her of the burden wherewith she labours. We our selves are Monuments of that Mercy, which we beg of thee. Thou broughtest us into this World, and didst unloose the bands, wherewith we were swaddled in our Mothers Womb. We have also had long Experience of thy readiness to succour us, and to do us good ever since; many times beyond our hopes, and always beyond our deservings.

servings. We dare not but commit our selves, and every thing belonging unto us, most heartily into thy hands: remembring that thou hast the same Power, and Goodness still, by which we came into the light of the Living. We cannot desire to be better provided for, than as thy infinite Wisdom judgeth most convenient for us: unto that we refer our selves; beseeching thee, (if it be thy good pleasure) that her Deliverance may be as speedy, as her Cries unto thee; or her Patience as great, and long as her Pains. Thou who ripenest the Fruits of the Earth, and then givest us the gathering of them to our comfort; blast not our humble hopes of the Fruit of the Womb: but after thou hast brought it to maturity, deliver it into our hands, as a new pledge of thy Goodness to us; for which we will ever praise thy Name. Or if thou hast otherwise determin'd; Lord, give us grace to submit to thy holy Will,

Will, and to rest satisfy'd in thy wise Appointments, and never to distrust thy Goodness, and Care over us. Hear us, O Father of Mercies, and pardon our Offences, and pity our Infirmities: make us more thankful for what we have receiv'd, and more fit for the Blessing which we now request; and prepare us for all thy future Mercies, either in this life, or in the next; through thy infinite Love, and Compassion declared to us, in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

*A Commendatory Prayer at the point
of Departure.*

O Almighty God, with whom do live the Spirits of Just men made perfect, after they are delivered from their Earthly Prisons; We humbly commend the Soul of this thy Servant, our dear *Brother*, into thy hands, as into the hands of a Faithful Creatour, and most Merciful Saviour; most humbly

bly beseeching thee, that it may be precious in thy sight. Wash it, we pray thee, in the Blood of that Immaculate Lamb, that was slain to take away the sins of the World; that whatsoever defilements it may have contracted, in the midst of this miserable, and naughty World, through the lusts of the Flesh, or the wiles of Satan, being purged, and done away; it may be presented pure, and without spot before thee. And teach us who survive, in this, and other like daily Spectacles of Mortality, to see how frail, and uncertain our own condition is; and so to number our days, that we may seriously apply our Hearts to that holy, and heavenly Wisdom, whilst we live here, which may in the end bring us to life Everlasting, through the Merits of Jesus Christ thine only Son our Lord. *Amen.*

A Litany for a Sick person in danger of Death.

O God the Father of Heaven, From Bp.
Andrews.
Have mercy upon *him*,
Keep, and defend *him*.

O God the Son, Redeemer of
the World,

Have mercy upon *him*,
Save, and deliver *him*.

O God, the Holy Ghost, proceeding
from the Father, and the Son,

Have mercy upon *him*.
Strengthen, and comfort *him*.

O holy, blessed, and glorious
Trinity,

Have mercy upon *him*.

Remember not, Lord, *his* offences:
call not to mind the offences of *his*
Forefathers: but spare *him*, good
Lord, spare thy Servant, whom thou
hast redeemed with thy precious
Blood; and be not angry with *him*
for ever.

From thy Wrath, and heavy
Indignation; from the fear of
Death;

Death; from the guilt, and burthen
of *his* Sins; and from the dreadful
Sentence of the last Judgment;

Good Lord, deliver *him*.

From the sting, and terrours of
Conscience; from the danger of
Impatience, distrust, or despair;
and from the extremity of Sickness,
Anguish, or Agony, that may any
way withdraw *his* mind from thee;

Good Lord, deliver *him*.

From the bitter pangs of Eternal
Death; from the gates of Hell;
from the powers of Darkness; and
from the illusions, and assaults of
our Ghostly Enemy;

Good Lord, deliver *him*.

From all danger, and distress;
from all terrours, and torments;
from all pains, and punishments,
both of the Body, and the Soul;

Good Lord, deliver *him*.

By thy manifold, and great Mer-
cies; by the manifold, and great
Merits of Jesus Christ thy Son; by
his Agony, and bloody Sweat; by
his strong Crying, and Tears; by
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his bitter Cross, and Passion; by his mighty Resurrection, and glorious Ascension; by his effectual, and most acceptable Intercession, and Mediation; and by the graces, and comforts of the Holy Ghost;

Good Lord, deliver *him*.

In this time of Extremity; in *his* last, and greatest need; in the hour of Death; and in the day of Judgment;

Good Lord, deliver *him*.

We Sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to be *his* defender and keeper; to remember *him* with the favour thou bearest unto thy People, and to visit *him* with thy salvation;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to save, and deliver *his* Soul from the power of the Enemy, and to receive it to thy Mercy; and to give *him* a quiet, and joyful departure;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord. That

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That it may please thee to be merciful, and to forgive all *his* sins and misdeeds, which at any time of *his* life *he* hath committed against thee ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee not to lay to *his* charge, what in the lust of the Flesh, or in the lust of the Eyes, or in the pride of Life, *he* hath committed against thee ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee not to lay to *his* charge, what in the fierceness of *his* wrath, or in vain, and idle words, *he* hath committed against thee ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to make *him* partaker of all thy Mercies, and Promises in Christ Jesus ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

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That it may please thee to vouch-
safe *his* Soul the estate of Joy,
Bliss, and Happiness, with all thy
blessed Saints, in thy heavenly
Kingdom;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good
Lord.*

That it may please thee to grant
his Body rest, and peace, and a part
in the blessed Resurrection of Life,
and Glory;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good
Lord.*

Son of God, we beseech thee to
hear us.

O Lamb of God, that takest
away the sins of the World;

Grant *him* thy Peace.

O Lamb of God, that takest
away the sins of the World;

Have mercy upon *him*.

OUr Father, which art in Hea-
ven; Hallowed be thy Name;
thy Kingdom come; Thy will be
done in Earth, as it is in Heaven;
give us this day our daily Bread;
and

and forgive us our Trespases, as we forgive them that trespass against us ; and lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

O Lord, deal not with *him* after *his* sins :

Neither reward *him* after *his* iniquities.

O God, Merciful Father , that despisest not the sighing of a Contrite heart, nor the desires of such as be sorrowful ; mercifully assist our Prayers , that we make before thee , in all our Troubles, and Adversities , whensoever they oppress us : and graciously hear us, that those Evils , and Illusions , which thine, or our Enemy worketh against us , may be brought to nought ; that all we , and particularly this thy Servant , may evermore give thanks unto thee in thy Holy Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Forms of recommending the Soul to From Bp. Andrews.
God.

LORD, now lettest thou thy Leu. 2. 29.
Servant depart in peace.

Into thy hands, O Lord, we Psal. 31. 5.
commend *his* Spirit: for thou hast
redeemed it, O Lord, thou God of
Truth.

Bring *his* Soul out of Prison, Psal. 142. 9.
that it may praise thee.

O deliver *him* from this body of Rom. 7. 24.
death.

Say unto *his* Soul, I am thy sal- Psal. 35. 3.
vation.

Say unto *him*, To day shalt thou Luc. 23. 43.
be with me in Paradise.

Let *him* now feel the salvation of
Jesus.

Let *him* now feel the anointing
of Christ.

Guide thou *him* through the Psal. 23. 4.
Valley of the shadow of Death.

Let *him* see the goodness of the Psal. 27. 13.
Lord in the Land of the living.

O Lord, command *his* Spirit to be received up to thee in peace.

Act. 7. 59.

Lord Jesus, receive *his* Spirit; and open to *him* the gates of Everlasting glory.

Let thy good Spirit conduct *him* into the land of Righteousness; into thy holy Hill, and heavenly Kingdom.

Luc. 16. 22.

Send thine Angels to meet *him*, and to bring *him* into Abraham's Bosom.

Place *him* in the habitation of light, and peace; of joy, and gladness.

Receive *him* in the arms of thy Mercy; and give *him* an inheritance with thy Saints in light.

There let *him* be with thy elect Angels, thy blessed Saints departed, thy holy Prophets, and glorious Apostles; in all joy, glory, felicity and happiness, for ever, and ever
Amen.

INto thy merciful hands, O From Bp.
Cofins. Lord, we commend the Soul of this thy Servant, now departing from the Body : acknowledge, we meekly beseech thee, a work of thine own hands, a Sheep of thine own fold, a Lamb of thine own flock, a Sinner of thine own redeeming. Receive *him* into the blessed Arms of thy unspeakable mercy, into the sacred rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious estate of thy chosen Saints in Heaven. *Amen.*

God the Father, who hath created thee ; God the Son, who hath redeemed thee ; God the Holy Ghost, who hath infused his grace into thee ; be now, and evermore thy defence, assist thee in this thy last trial, and bring thee into the way of everlasting life. *Amen.*

Christ that redeemed thee with his Agony, and bloody death, have mercy upon thee, and strengthen thee in this agony of death. *Amen.*

Christ Jesus that rose the third day from death, raise up thy body again in the resurrection of the Just. *Amen.*

Christ that ascended into Heaven, and now sitteth at the right hand of God, bring thee to the place of eternal happiness, and joy. *Amen.*

God the Father preserve, and keep thee; God the Son assist, and strengthen thee; God the Holy Spirit defend, and aid thee; God the Holy Trinity be ever with thee: that thy death may be precious in the sight of the Lord, with whom thou shalt live for evermore. *Amen.*

O thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant *him* thy peace.

O Lord, with whom do live the Spirits of them that die; and by whom the Souls of thy servants, after they be delivered from the burthen of this flesh, are in perpetual joy, and felicity: We most hum-

humbly beseech thee for this thy Servant, that *he* may now receive absolution from all *his* sins, which *he* hath committed in this world; and may escape the gates of Hell, and the pains of Eternal Darkness: and that *he* may for ever dwell with *Abraham, Isaac* and *Jacob*, in the Region of Light, and thy Blessed Presence; where there is neither weeping, nor heaviness, nor death: and that when the dreadful day of the general Judgment shall come, *he* may rise again with the Just; *his* Body being reunited to *his* Soul, pure and incorruptible; and may be received into thy glorious Kingdom, for the merits of thy dear Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

I.

O Holy, and most Gracious From Bp. Taylor. Saviour Jesus, we humbly recommend the Soul of thy Servant into thy hands, thy most merciful

ciful hands: Let thy blessed Angels stand in ministry about thy Servant; and defend *him* from the violence, and malice of all *his* ghostly Enemies; and drive far from hence all the Spirits of Darkness. *Amen.*

II.

Lord, receive the Soul of this thy Servant: Enter not into judgment with *him*: Spare *him* whom thou hast redeemed with thy most Precious Blood: And deliver *him*, for whose sake thou didst suffer death, from all evil and mischief; from the crafts and assaults of the Devil; from the fear of death, and from everlasting death. *Amen.*

III.

LORD, impute not unto *him* the follies of *his* youth ; nor any of the Errours, and Miscarriages of *his* life: but strengthen *him* in *his* Agony , and carry *him* safely through *his* last Distress. Let not *his* Faith waver , nor *his* Hope fail , nor *his* Charity be disorder'd: let *him* die in peace , and rest in hope , and rise in glory. Amen.

IV.

LORD, we know, and believe assuredly , that whatsoever is under thy custody, cannot be taken out of thy hands, nor by all the Violences of Hell robbed of thy protection: Preserve the work of thy hands ; rescue *him* from all evil, and let *his* portion be with the Patriarchs, and Prophets ; with the Apostles, and Martyrs, and all

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thy holy Saints, in the arms of Christ, in the bosom of Felicity, and in the Kingdom of God for ever. *Amen.*

O Saviour of the World, who by thy Cross, and precious Blood hast redeemed us; save, and help this thy departing Servant, we beseech thee, O Lord. *Amen.*

O Almighty Lord, who art a most strong Tower to all them that put their trust in thee; to whom all things in Heaven, in Earth, and under the Earth do bow, and obey: Be now, and evermore *his* defence; and make *him* to know, and feel, by a powerful sense of thy Goodness, that there is no other Name under Heaven given to Man, in whom, and through whom we may receive Health, and Salvation, but only the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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O LORD, unto thy gracious Mercy, and Protection we commit *him*. O God the Father, bless *him*, and keep *him*. O God the Son, make thy Face to shine upon *him*, and be gracious unto *him*. O God the Holy Ghost, lift up thy Countenance upon *him*, and give *him* thy Peace, both now, and evermore. *Amen.*

PRAYERS,

PRAYERS

AND

MEDITATIONS

To be us'd by a
Sick Person in his Closet.

Psal. 19. 14. **L** *Et the words of my Mouth, and
the meditation of my Heart,
be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord,
my strength and my Redeemer.*

Ejaculations from the Psalms.

I.
141. 1. **L** **ORD,** I cry unto thee, make
haste unto me: give ear unto
my voice, when I cry unto thee.

Let

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Let my Prayer be set forth before thee as Incense; and the lifting up of my Hands, as the Evening sacrifice. 141. 2.

Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth: keep the door of my lips. 141. 3.

Mine eyes are unto thee, O God the Lord: in thee is my trust, leave not my Soul destitute. 141. 8.

When my Spirit was overwhelmed within me, then thou knewest my path: I cried unto thee, O Lord; I said, Thou art my refuge, and my portion in the land of the living. 142. 3, 5.

Attend unto my cry, for I am brought very low: bring my Soul out of prison, that I may praise thy Name; for thou wilt deal bountifully with me. 142. 6, 7.

Who can understand his Errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults. 19. 12.

My confusion is continually before me, and the shame of my face hath cover'd me. 44. 15.

But

22. 3. But thou art Holy, O thou that inhabiteſt the Praises of Iſrael.
22. 9. Thou art he that took me out of the womb: thou didſt make me hope, when I was upon my Mothers breasts.
22. 10. I was caſt upon thee from the womb: thou art my God from my Mothers belly.
22. 11. Be not far from me, for trouble is near; for there is none to help.
30. 9. What profit is there in my Blood, when I go down to the Pit? ſhall the Duſt praiſe thee? ſhall it declare thy Truth?
30. 10. Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me: Lord, be thou my helper.
55. 4. My Heart is fore pained within me: and the terrours of Death are fallen upon me.
55. 5. Fearfulneſs and trembling are come upon me; and horreur hath overwhelmed me.
90. 7. I am conſumed by thine anger; and by thy wrath am I troubled.

Thou

for the Sick.

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Thou hast set mine iniquities 90.8.
before thee ; my secret sins in the
light of thy Countenance.

So teach me to number my 90.12.
days, that I may apply my heart
unto wisdom.

O satisfy me early with thy 90.14.
Mercy ; that I may rejoyce , and
be glad all my days.

Thou holdest mine Eyes waking : 77.4.
I am so troubled that I cannot
speak.

Will the Lord cast off for ever? 77.7.
and will he be favourable no more ?

What man is he that liveth, and 89.48.
shall not see death ? shall he deliver
his Soul from the hand of the
grave ?

Man is like to vanity : his days 144.4.
are as a shadow that passeth away.

I am poor, and needy ; and my 109.22.
heart is wounded within me.

I am gone like the shadow, when 109.23.
it declineth ; I am tossed up and
down as the Locust.

Help me, O Lord my God : O 109.26.
save me according to thy Mercy.

My

119.

My flesh trembleth for fear of thee : and I am afraid of thy Judgments.

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71.9.

Cast me not off in the time of my distress : forsake me not when my strength faileth.

39.13.

O spare me, that I may recover strength ; before I go hence, and be no more.

II.

31. 1.

IN thee, O Lord, do I put my trust ; let me never be ashamed : deliver me in thy Righteousness.

31. 2.

Bow down thine Ear to me, deliver me speedily : be thou my strong Rock, for an House of defence to save me.

31. 3.

For thou art my Rock, and my Fortress : therefore for thy Name's sake lead me, and guide me.

13. 3.

Consider, and hear me, O Lord my God : lighten mine Eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death.

Hear,

Hear, O Lord, when I cry with 27. 7.
my voice : have mercy also upon
me, and answer me.

Hide not thy Face far from me, 27. 9.
put not thy servant away in anger :
thou hast been my help ; leave me
not, neither forsake me, O God of
my Salvation.

Unto thee will I cry, O Lord, 28. 1.
my Rock ; be not silent to me :
lest if thou be silent to me, I be-
come like them that go down into
the Pit.

Be pleased , O Lord, to deliver 40. 13.
me : O Lord, make hast to help me.

Remember me , O Lord , with 106. 4.
the favour that thou bearest unto
thy People : O visit me with thy
Salvation.

O Lord , strengthen me upon 41. 3.
the Bed of languishing : make thou
all my Bed in my Sickness.

Lord, be merciful unto me ; heal 41. 4.
my Soul, for I have sinned against
thee.

Truly my Soul waiteth upon my 62. 1.
God : from him cometh my Salva-
tion. My

62. 5. My Soul, wait thou only upon God: for my expectation is from him.

62. 7. In God is my Salvation, and my Glory: the Rock of my strength, and my refuge is in God.

57. 1. Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me; for my Soul trusteth in thee: yea in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast.

69. 1. Save me, O God; for the Waters are come in unto my Soul.

69. 5. O God, thou knowest my foolishness; and my sins are not hid from thee.

69. 13. My Prayer is unto thee, O Lord, in an acceptable time: O God, in the multitude of thy mercy hear me, in the Truth of thy Salvation.

69. 14, 15. Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not sink: let not the waters flood overflow me; neither let the deep swallow me up; and let not the Pit shut her mouth upon me.

Hear

Hear me , O Lord, for thy loving kindness is good: turn unto me , according to the multitude of thy tender mercies. 69.16.

And hide not thy Face from thy Servant ; for I am in trouble : hear me speedily. 69.17.

Draw nigh unto my Soul, and redeem it: and let thy Salvation, O God, set me up on high. 69.18, 29.

I am poor, and sorrowful; make hast unto me, O God: thou art my help, and my deliverer; O Lord, make no tarrying. 70. 5.

III.

Hear me, when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast enlarged me, when I was in distress; have mercy upon me, and hear my Prayer. 4. 1.

Thou, O Lord, art a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head. 3. 3.

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4.8. I will lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety.

9.9. Thou, Lord, art a refuge for the oppressed: a refuge in times of trouble.

9.10. And they that know thy Name, will put their trust in thee: for thou, Lord, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.

13.5. I have trusted in thy mercy: my heart shall rejoyce in thy Salvation.

23.4. Tho' I walk through the Valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy Rod, and thy Staff, they comfort me.

27.1. The Lord is my Light, and my Salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my Life, of whom shall I be afraid?

27.5. For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his Pavilion: in the secret of his Tabernacle shall he hide me, and set me upon a Rock.

I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord, in the land of the living. 27. 13.

My Soul waiteth for the Lord : he is my help, and my shield. 33. 20.

Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon me ; according as I hope in thee. 33. 22.

Unto thee lift I up mine Eyes ; O thou that dwellest in the Heavens. 123. 1.

Thou art my hiding place, and my shield : I hope in thy word. 119. 114.

All thy waves and thy billows are gone over me : and yet thou wilt command thy loving kindness in the day time ; and in the night thy song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life. 42. 7, 8.

Why art thou cast down, O my Soul ? and why art thou disquieted within me ? hope thou in God ; for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God. 42. 11.

For this God is my God for ever, and ever : he will be my guide even unto death. 43. 14.

- 56.3. What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee.
- 138.7. Tho' I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me; and thy right hand shall save me.
- 61.1. Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer.
- 61.2. From the end of the Earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the Rock that is higher than I.
- 61.4. I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever: I will trust in the covert of thy wings.

IV.

- 42.1. **A**S the Hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my Soul after thee, O God.
- 42.2. My Soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come, and appear before God?
- 4.6. Lord, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon me.
- 5.3. My voice shalt thou hear in the Morning, O Lord: in the Morning
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ing will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.

How excellent is thy loving kindness, O God! therefore the Children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings. 36.7.

O taste, and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the Man that trusteth in him. 34.8.

What is Man, that thou art mindful of him? and the Son of Man, that thou visitest him? 8.4.

The Lord is my shepherd: I shall not want. 23. 1.

Thou, O Lord, art merciful, and gracious; slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. 103.8.

Thou hast not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. 103.10.

For as the Heaven is high above the Earth; so great is thy mercy toward them that fear thee. 103.11.

As far the East is from the West; so far hast thou removed our transgressions from us. 103. 12.

- 103.13. Like as a Father pitieth his Children; so thou pitiest them that fear thee, O Lord.
- 103.14. For thou knowest our frame: thou remembrest, that we are dust.
- 103.15. Our days are as Grass; and we
16. flourish as a flower of the Field: the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.
- 103.17. But thy mercy, O Lord, is from everlasting to everlasting: and thy righteousness unto Childrens Children.
- 86.5. Thou art good, O Lord, and ready to forgive: and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.
- 86.7. In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me.
- 86.11. Teach me thy way, O Lord; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy Name.
- 86.10. For thou art great, and dost wondrous things: thou art God alone.

Thou,

for the Sick.

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Thou, O Lord, art a God full 86.15.
of compassion, and gracious; long-
suffering, and plenteous in mercy,
and truth.

O turn thee unto me, and have 86.16.
mercy upon me: give thy strength
unto thy Servant, and save the
Son of thy Handmaid.

V.

Lord, who shall abide in thy 15.1.
Tabernacle? who shall dwell
in thy holy Hill?

Thy way, O God, is in the fan- 77.13.
ctuary: who is so great a God as
our God?

Thou art the God that dost 77.14.
wonders: thou hast declared thy
strength among thy people.

I will cry unto thee, Thou art 89.26.
my Father, my God, and the Rock
of my Salvation.

Make thy face to shine upon thy 119.
Servant: and teach me thy Sta- 135.
tures.

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Order

119. Order my steps in thy word :
133. and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.
119. Consider mine affliction , and
153. deliver me : for I do not forget thy Law.
- 17.5. Hold up my goings in thy paths ,
that my Footsteps slip not.
- 17.7. Shew thy marvellous loving
kindness , O thou that savest by
thy right hand , them which put
their trust in thee.
- 139.14. I will praise thee , for I am fear-
fully , and wonderfully made :
marvellous are thy works , and that
my Soul knoweth right well.
- 145.9. Thou , O Lord , art good to all :
and thy tender mercies are over all
thy works.
- 145.14. Thou upholdest all that fall ;
and raisest up all those that are
bowed down.
- 147.3. Thou healest the broken in
Heart ; and bindest up their
wounds.
- 119.77. Let thy tender mercies come
unto me , that I may live : for thy
law is my delight.

I will remember thy Name, O 119.55,
Lord, in the night : and thy Statutes 54.
shall be my songs in the house of
my Pilgrimage.

Thine anger endureth but a mo- 30.5.
ment ; in thy favour is life : weep-
ing may endure for a night , but
joy cometh in the morning.

Because of my transgression I 107.17,
am afflicted : and I draw near un- 18.
to the Gates of Death.

But I will cry unto the Lord in 107.19.
my trouble : O save me out of my
distress.

Send thy word, and heal me ; 107.20.
and deliver me from destruction.

I am afflicted very much : quic- 119.
ken me, O Lord, according unto 107.
thy word.

Accept, I beseech thee, the Free- 119.
will-offerings of my Mouth , O 108.
Lord ; and teach me thy Judg-
ments.

Search me, O God, and know 139.23.
my Heart : try me, and know my
Thoughts.

And

- 139.24. And see if there be any wicked way in me: and lead me in the way everlasting.

VI.

- 39.4. **L**ord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am.
- 39.5. Behold, thou hast made my days as an Hand-breadth; and mine Age is as nothing before thee: verily every Man at his best Estate is altogether vanity.
- 39.6. Surely every Man walketh in a vain shew: surely they are disquieted in vain: he heapeth up riches, and knoweth not who shall gather them.
- 39.7. And now, Lord, what wait I for? my hope is in thee.
- 39.8,10. Deliver me from all my transgressions; and remove thy stroke away from me: I am consumed by the blow of thine hand.

When

When thou with rebukes dost
correct man for iniquity, thou
makest his beauty to consume away
like a Moth: surely every man is
vanity. 39.11.

I was dumb, I opened not my
mouth; because thou didst it. 39.9.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and
give ear unto my cry; hold not
thy peace at my tears: for I am
a stranger with thee, and a sojourner;
as all my Fathers were. 39.12.

Let my prayer come before thee:
incline thine Ear unto my cry. 88. 2.

For my Soul is full of troubles:
and my life draweth nigh unto the
grave. 88.3.

I am counted with them that
go down into the pit: I am as a
man that hath no strength. 88. 4.

Thy wrath lieth hard upon me;
and thou shalt afflicted me with all
thy waves. 88.7.

Mine Eye mourneth by reason of
affliction: Lord, I have called daily
upon thee; I have stretched out
my hands unto thee. 88. 9.

Shall

88. 11. Shall thy loving-kindness be declared in the grave? or thy faithfulness in destruction?
88. 12. Shall thy wonders be known in the dark? and thy righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?
88. 13. But unto thee have I cried, O Lord: and in the Morning shall my prayer prevent thee.
49. 15. For God will redeem my Soul from the power of the grave; and he shall receive me.
79. 8. O remember not against me my former iniquities: let thy tender Mercies speedily prevent me; for I am brought very low.
79. 9. Help me, O God of my Salvation, for the glory of thy Name: deliver me, and purge away my sins for thy Name's sake.
79. 11. Let the sighing of the prisoner come before thee, according to the greatness of thy Power: preserve thou those that are appointed to die.

Deal bountifully with thy Ser- 119.17.
vant; that I may live, and keep
thy Word.

My Soul cleaveth unto the dust: 119.25.
quicken thou me according to thy
Word.

My Soul melteth for heaviness: 119.28.
strengthen thou me according unto
thy Word.

It is good for me, that I have 119.71.
been afflicted: that I might learn
thy Statutes.

I know, O Lord, that thy Judg- 119.75.
ments are right; and that thou in
faithfulness hast afflicted me.

This is my comfort in my affli- 119.50.
ction: for thy Word hath quickned
me.

My Soul fainteth for thy Salva- 119.81.
tion: but I hope in thy Word.

Mine Eyes fail for thy Word, 119.82.
saying, When wilt thou comfort me?

They that sow in tears, shall reap 126.5.
in joy.

The Lord liveth, and blessed be 18.46.
my Rock: and let the God of my
Salvation be exalted.

VII.

- 18.1. **I** Will love thee , O Lord my strength.
18. 3. I will call upon the Lord , who is worthy to be praised : so shall I be saved from death.
18. 2. The Lord is my Rock, and my Fortrefs, and my deliverer; my God, my strength in whom I will trust; my buckler , and the horn of my Salvation, and my high Tower.
68. 20. He that is my God, is the God of Salvation: and unto God the Lord belong the issues from death.
59. 17. Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing: for God is my defence, and the God of my Mercy.
17. 3. Thou hast proved mine heart; thou hast visited me in the night; thou hast tried me, and shalt find nothing: I am purposed that my Mouth shall not transgress.
44. I will stand in awe , and sin no more: I will commune with my own heart upon my bed , and be still.

for the Sick.

III

I will lift up mine Eyes unto 121. 1.
the Hills ; from whence cometh
my help.

My help cometh from the Lord ; 121. 2.
which made Heaven, and Earth.

Thou art my portion , O Lord : 119. 57.
I have said, that I would keep thy
words.

I have longed for thy Salvation, 119. 174
O Lord : and thy Law is my de-
light.

Let my Soul live , and it shall 119. 175
praise thee : and let thy Judgments
help me.

I have gone astray , like a lost 119. 176
Sheep : seek thy Servant ; for I do
not forget thy Commandments.

Lord, I will love the habitation 26. 8.
of thy House ; and the place where
thine Honour dwelleth.

I will wash my hands in Inno- 26. 6.
cency : so will I compass thine
Altar, O Lord.

I will take the Cup of Salva- 116. 13.
vation, and call upon the Name of
the Lord.

116. 9. I will walk before the Lord in the Land of the living.

118. 18. The Lord hath chastned me sore: but he hath not given me over unto death.

76. 7. Thou, even thou art to be feared: and who may stand in thy sight, when once thou art angry?

97. 11. But light is sown for the Righteous: and gladness for the Upright in heart.

121. 5. The Lord is my keeper: the Lord is my shade upon my right hand.

121. 7. The Lord shall preserve me from all evil: he shall preserve my Soul.

116. 7. Return unto thy rest, O my Soul: for the Lord will deal bountifully with thee.

116. 15. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his Saints.

116. 8. O Lord, thou wilt deliver my Soul from death, mine Eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

17. 15. As for me, I will behold thy Face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied

satisfy'd, when I awake, with thy likeness.

I shall be abundantly satisfy'd 36. 8.
with the fatness of thy House :
and thou shalt make me drink of
the River of thy Pleasures. *Amen.*

*Other Meditations from the Scrip-
ture.*

O my Father, if it be possible, Mat. 26. 39
let this Cup pass from me :
nevertheless not as I will, but as
thou wilt.

O my Father, if this Cup may Mat. 26. 42.
not pass away from me, except I
drink it ; thy will be done.

It is the Lord : let him do what 1 Sam. 3.
seemeth him good. 18.

If he thus say, I have no delight 2 Sam. 15.
in thee : behold, here am I ; let 26.
him do to me as seemeth good unto
him.

Surely it is meet to be said unto Job, 34 31.
God ; I have born chastisement, I
will not offend any more.

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Job, 30. 23. I know that thou wilt bring me to death and to the house appointed for all living.

Job, 10. 9. Remember, I beseech thee, that thou hast made me as the Clay: and wilt thou bring me into dust again?

Job, 10. 8, 11. Thine hands have made me, and fashioned me: thou hast clothed me with skin, and flesh; and hast fenced me with bones, and sinews,

Job, 10. 12. O grant me life, and favour: and let thy visitation preserve my Spirit.

Job, 5. 8. I will seek unto God; and unto God will I commit my cause.

Job, 13. 15. Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him.

Job, 13. 21. Withdraw thine hand far from me; and let not thy dread make me afraid.

Job, 13. 24, 23. Wherefore hidest thou thy face? make me to know my transgression, and my sin.

Job, 13. 25. Wilt thou break a leaf driven to, and fro? and wilt thou pursue the dry stubble?

For

For thou writest bitter things Job, 13.26.
against me; and makest me to
possess the iniquities of my youth.

Therefore I am troubled at thy Job 23. 15.
presence: when I consider, I am
afraid of thee.

What then shall I do, when God Job, 31. 14.
riseth up? and when he visiteth,
what shall I answer him?

When he giveth quietness, who Job, 34. 29.
can make trouble? and when he
hideth his Face, who can behold
him?

If we are bound in fetters, and Job, 36. 8.
holden in cords of Affliction;

God sheweth us our work, and Job, 36. 9.
our transgressions; that we have
exceeded.

He openeth our Ear to discipline; Job, 36. 10.
and commandeth us to return from
iniquity.

Where is God my maker, who Job, 35. 10.
giveth Songs in the night?

The Lord killeth, and maketh 1 Sam. 2. 6.
alive: he bringeth down to the
grave, and bringeth up.

Deut. 32.

39.

He woundeth, and healeth: neither is there any that can deliver out of his hand.

Num. 23.

10.

Let me die the death of the righteous; and let my last end be like his.

Prov. 3. 11.

I will not despise the chastning of the Lord; nor be weary of his correction.

Prov. 3. 12.

For whom the Lord loveth, he correcteth; even as a Father the Son, in whom he delighteth.

Jam. 1. 12.

Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the Crown of Life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

1 Pet. 4. 19.

Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God, commit the keeping of their Souls to him in well-doing, as unto a faithful Creatour.

I will thus commit my Soul
2 Cor. 1. 9, unto thy keeping, O God. I will

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trust in God, which raiseth the dead: Who can deliver me from so great a death; in whom

I trust that he will yet deliver me.

For he hath said, I will never Heb. 13. 5. leave thee, nor forsake thee.

Come, and let us return unto Hos. 6. 1. the Lord: for he hath torn, and he will heal us: he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.

O Lord, take away all iniquity, Hos. 14. 2. and receive me graciously.

For thou camest not, O my Sa. Mat. 9. 13. viour, to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

He that covereth his sins, shall Prov. 28. 13. not prosper: but whoso confesseth, and forsaketh them, shall have mercy.

And now, O my God, what shall Ezr. 9. 10. I say? for I have forsaken thy Commandments.

O my God, I am ashamed, and Ezr. 9. 6. blush to lift up my face to thee, my God: for my iniquities are increased over my head, and my trespass is grown up unto Heaven.

O God, thou art just in all that Neh. 9. 33. is brought upon me; thou hast 32.

done right, but I have done wickedly: but let not all the trouble seem little before thee, that hath come upon me.

Luk. 18. 13. God be merciful to me a sinner.

Mat. 15. 22. Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou Son of David.

2 Cor. 4. 17. Our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.

2 Cor. 4. 18. While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen; are temporal; but the things which are not seen, are eternal.

Rev. 14. 13. Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord: for they rest from their labours, and their works do follow them.

Rev. 21. 4. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes: and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying; neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

They

They that sleep in the dust of ^{Dan. 12. 2,}
the Earth shall awake: and they ^{3.}
that be wise shall shine as the
brightness of the Firmament.

The Souls of the righteous are ^{Wisd. 3. 1.}
in the hand of God; and no tor-
ment shall touch them.

The righteous live for evermore: ^{Wisd. 5. 15.}
their reward also is with the Lord,
and the care of them is with the
Most High.

Therefore shall they receive a ^{Wisd. 5. 16.}
glorious Kingdom, and a beautiful
Crown from the Lord's hand: for
with his right hand shall he cover
them, and with his arm shall he
protect them.

Henceforth there is laid up for ^{2 Tim. 4. 8.}
me a Crown of Righteousness;
which the Lord the Righteous
Judge shall give me at that day:
and not to me only, but unto them
also that love his appearing.

Other Ejaculations.

IN the midst of life we are in death: of whom may we seek for succour, but of thee, O Lord, who for our sins art justly displeased? Yet, O Lord God most Holy, O Lord most Mighty, O holy, and most merciful Saviour, deliver me not into the bitter pains of Eternal death. Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of my Heart; shut not thy merciful Ears to my prayers: but spare me, Lord most Holy; O God most Mighty, O holy and merciful Saviour, thou most worthy Judge Eternal, suffer me not, at my last hour, for any pains of death to fall from thee.
Amen.

O Merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Resurrection, and the Life; I beseech thee to raise me from the death of Sin, unto the life of Righteousness:
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teousness: that at the general Resurrection in the last day, I may be found acceptable in thy sight; and may have my perfect consummation, and bliss, both in Body, and Soul, in thy Eternal glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

O Lord, comfort, and succour me of thy goodness: and give me grace so to follow the good Examples, of thy Servants departed this life in thy faith, and fear; that with them I may be a partaker of thy heavenly Kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our only Mediatour, and Advocate. *Amen.*

O Lord, the sorrows of Death From Arch-
bp. Laud. compass me, and the snares of it are ready to overtake me. When thou wilt dissolve my Tabernacle, thou alone knowest: therefore in this my trouble I will call upon thee my Lord, and will complain unto my God. O be with me

me at the instant of my death, and receive me for Jesus Christ his sake. *Amen.*

O Lord, quicken, and comfort my Soul; for I have sinned against thee. Lord, I call to mind all the years of my life past, in the bitterness of my Soul for my sin. My Misdeeds have prevailed against me: O be thou merciful unto my sin; O for thy Name's sake be merciful unto my sin, for it is great. *Amen.*

O Let the depth of my sins call up the depth of thy Mercies, and of thy Grace. Lord, let it come; that where my sin hath abounded, Grace may superabound. *Amen.*

O Lord, grant that all the days of my appointed time upon Earth, I may wait till my change shall come. *Amen.*

O That thou wouldest hide me
in the grave, and keep me
secret until thy wrath be past; and
appoint me a time in which thou
wilt remember me. *Amen.*

Command my Spirit, whenever
thou wilt command it, to
be received up to thee in peace.
Amen.

I Am created after thine own
Image, and likeness: O suffer
not thine own Image to be defaced;
but renew it again in righteousness,
and true holiness. *Amen.*

I Commend my self into thy
hands, as to a most gracious
Redeemer: for thou hast redeemed
me, O Lord God of Truth. *Amen.*

I Commend my self into thy
hands, as to my most blessed
Comforter. *Amen.*

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O Lord, I am the price of thy Blood, of thy most precious Blood: O suffer not so great, so unvaluable a price to perish. *Amen.*

O Lord, thou camest down from Heaven, to redeem that which was lost: suffer not that to be lost, which thou hast redeemed. *Amen.*

O Lord, I am weary, and heavy laden; and I come to thee, to be refreshed by thee. Behold, O Lord, I have been the Temple of thy Holy Spirit: I have, I confess, strangely polluted it; yet destroy me not: but dedicate me anew, and sanctify me to thy self yet once again. *Amen.*

O Lord, I wear thy Name: 'tis thy Name that is called upon me. For thy Name's sake therefore be merciful unto me. O spare, Lord, if not me, yet thy own Name
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in me. And do not so remember my sin, O Lord, do not; as that in remembring it, thou forget thine own Name. I have desired to fear thy Name, to love, and to honour thy Name. And I desire to depart this life, in the invocation, and confession of thy Name. Lord, I confels it, and call upon it: O come, Lord Jesus. *Amen.*

GRant, O Lord, that I may never sleep in sin, or death Eternal: but that I may have my part in the first Resurrection, and that the second Death may not prevail over me. *Amen.*

From Bp.
Taylor.

GRant, that my Soul may be bound up in the bundle of Life; and in the day when thou bindest up thy Jewels, remember thy Servant for good; that my Soul may be number'd amongst the Righteous, *Amen.*

Grant

GRant unto me thy Servant
mercy, and aids from Heaven;
and receive my Soul, which thou
hast redeemed with thy most pre-
cious Blood, whenever it shall re-
turn unto thee. *Amen.*

GRant unto me to have Faith
in the Lord Jesus; a daily
meditation of Death; a contempt
of the World; a longing desire after
Heaven; Patience in my sorrows;
Comfort in my sickness; Joy in
God; a holy Life; and a blessed
Death: that my Soul may rest in
hope, and my Body may rise in
glory; and both may be beatify'd
in the Communion of Saints, in the
Kingdom of God, and the Glories
of the Lord Jesus. *Amen.*

From Bp.
Andrews.

O Lord of Life, and Death; of
Sickness and Health;
By whose appointment we are
born; and again, by whose ap-
pointment we die:

Thou

Thou that hatest nothing that
thou hast made, and never failest
them that seek thee;

Of whose Mercies there is nei-
ther number, nor end;

Who callest into thy Vineyard
even at the eleventh hour;

Who bringest to the gates of
Death, and bringest back again:

Thou that art the saving health
of all thy Faithful;

The Fountain of Grace, and
Goodness;

The Comfort of them that be
in heaviness;

The Strength of them that be in
weakness;

The Health of them that be in
sickness;

Hear, O Lord, and have mercy
upon me:

Look down from Heaven;

Behold, and visit me;

Visit me with thy Salvation.

Amen.

Father

From the
Whole Duty
of Man.

FAther, I have sinned against Heaven, and before thee; and am not worthy to be called thy Child: yet, O Lord, do not thou cast off the bowels, and compassions of a Father; but as a Father pitieth his own Children, so be thou merciful unto me. *Amen.*

Lord, the Prince of this World cometh; O let him have nothing in me; but as he accuseth, do thou absolve: I have nothing to say for my self; do thou answer for me, O Lord my God. *Amen.*

O Be thou pleased to rebuke Satan; and pluck me as a brand out of the fire: O save, and deliver me; lest he devour my Soul like a Lion, and tear it in pieces, while there is none to help. Mine Eyes look unto thee, O Lord; O cast not out my Soul. *Amen.*

O My God , I know that no unclean thing can enter into thy Kingdom; and I am nothing but pollution : O wash me, and make white in the Blood of the Lamb ; that so I may be fit to stand before thy Throne. *Amen.*

Lord, the snares of Death compass me round about ; O let not the pains of Hell also take hold of me : but though I find trouble , and heaviness ; yet , O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my Soul. *Amen.*

O Dear Jesus, who hast bought me with the precious price of thine own Blood ; challenge now thy purchase, and let not the malice of Hell pluck me out of thy Hand. *Amen.*

O Blessed High-Priest, who art able to save them to the utmost, who come unto God by thee;
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save me, I beseech thee, who have no hope, but on thy Merits, and Intercession. *Amen.*

O My Redeemer, I have by my many, and grievous sins crucify'd thee afresh; yet thou who didst pray for thy Persecutors, intercede for me also; and suffer not my Soul (the price of thy Blood) to perish. *Amen.*

O Spirit of Grace, I have by my horrid Impieties done despite to thee; yet **O** blessed Comforter, though I have often grieved thee, be thou pleased to succour, and relieve me; and say unto my Soul, I am thy Salvation. *Amen.*

O Blessed Lord, who scourgest every Son whom thou receivest, let me not be weary of thy correction: but give me such a perfect subjection to thee, the Father of Spirits, that this Chastisement

stifement may be for my profit ;
and thereby I may be partaker of
thy Holiness. *Amen.*

O Thou Captain of my Salva-
tion, who wert made perfect
by sufferings ; sanctify to me all the
pains of Body, and all the terrours
of Mind, which thou shalt permit
to fall upon me. *Amen.*

Lord, my sins have deserved
eternal Torments : make me
cheerfully, and thankfully to bear
my present pains ; chasten me as
thou pleasest here, that I may not
be condemned with the World.
Amen.

O Christ, who didst first suffer
many Torments, and then
enter into thy Glory ; make me so
to suffer with thee, that I may also
be glorify'd with thee. *Amen.*

O Blessed Jesus, who hast loved me, and washed me from my sins in thy Blood; be gracious to my Soul: and let thy Death sweeten the bitterness of mine.
Amen.

I am here in the State of Banishment, and Absence from the Lord: O take me where I shall for ever behold thy Face, and follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. *Amen.*

Prayers in the beginning of Sicknes.

From Bp.
Ken.

O Heavenly Father, who in thy Wisdom knowest what is best for me, Glory be to Thee.

Lord, if it seem good in thy sight, divert this distemper from me, which I now feel seizing on me; that I may employ my health to thy glory, and praise thy Name.

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But if thou art pleased it should grow on me, I willingly submit to thy afflicting hand: for thou art want to chastise those whom thou dost love; and I am sure, thou wilt lay no more on me, than thou wilt enable me to bear.

I know, O my God, thou sendest this Sickness for my good; even to humble, and reform me: O grant it may work that saving effect in me.

Lord, Create in me a true penitent sorrow for all my sins past; a stedfast Faith in thee; and sincere Resolutions of Amendment for the time to come.

Deliver me from all frowardness, and impatience; and give me an entire resignation to thy divine Will. O suffer not the Disease to take away my Senses; and do thou continually supply my Thoughts with holy Ejaculations. Lord, Bless, all means that are used for my recovery, and restore me to my health in thy good time: but if otherwise

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thou hast appointed for me, thy blessed Will be done.

O wean my Affections from all things below, and fill me with ardent desires after Heaven.

Eye hath not seen, nor heard, nor the Heart of Man conceived the good things which thou hast laid up for those that love Thee: Lord, do thou therefore inflame my Soul with thy love.

Lord, fit me for thy self, and then call me to those Joys unspeakable, and full of Glory, when Thou pleasest. My hope is wholly in thy Mercy, and in the Merits, and Sufferings of my Saviour; O for his sake forgive, and save me; that I may be found blameless at the coming of the Lord Jesus. *Amen.*

From Bp.
Cosins.

O Sweet Jesus, I desire neither Life, nor Death, but thy most holy Will: Thou art the thing, O Lord, that I long for; be it unto me according to thy good pleasure. If it be thy Will to have me die,

die, receive my Soul; and grant that in thee, and with thee, I may receive everlasting rest. If it be thy Will to have me live any longer upon Earth, give me Grace to amend the rest of my Life, and with good works to glorify thy holy Name; who with the Father, and the Holy Ghost, livest, and reignest ever one God, World without end. *Amen.*

O Almighty God, Merciful and Gracious, who in thy Justice From Bp. Taylour. didst send Sorrow, and Tears, Sick-ness, and Death into the World, as a punishment for the sins of Man; and hast comprehended all under sin, that thou mightest have Mercy upon all: as thou hast turned my sins into Sick-ness, so turn my Sick-ness to the advantages of Holiness, and Religion; of Mercy, and Pardon; of Faith, and Hope; of Grace, and Glory. Thou hast now called me to the fellowship of sufferings: Lord, let my present con-

dition be so sanctify'd, that my sufferings may be united to those of my Saviour. Relieve my sorrow, and support my Spirit: direct my Thoughts, and sanctify the accidents of my Sickness; that the punishment of my sin may be the School of Vertue. In which since Thou hast now enter'd me, Lord, make me a holy proficient; that I may behave my self as a Son under discipline, humbly and obediently, patiently and penitently; that I may come hereby nearer to Thee. That if I shall go forth of this Sickness by the Gate of Life, and Health; I may return to the World with greater strength of Spirit, to run a new Race of a stricter Holiness, and a more severe Religion: or if I pass from hence by the out-let of Death, I may enter into the Bosom of my Lord; for his sake, and through his Mediation. *Amen.*

O Lord, the Sovereign of the From Bp. Patrick. World, *who dost what thou pleasest in Heaven, and in Earth; and delighest most in acts of bounty, and forgivest sins, and savest in time of affliction:* I acknowledge my self, among the rest of thy Creatures, to be most deeply indebted unto thee; whose life thou hast prolonged to this time; together with the enjoyment of Spiritual Blessings in the Lord Jesus. I thank thee, and praise thee; and to thy wise, and good Providence I wholly refer my self for the time to come; placing my trust, and confidence in thy Almighty Goodness, Faithfulness, and Truth, which endure for ever.

I ought to receive with all thankfulness whatsoever comes from thy Hand; and believe that to be good for me, which thy infinite Wisdom, and Kindness orders, and allots for my Portion. Accordingly I accept with all humble, and dutiful affection

fection, this thy Fatherly chastisement. I acknowledge thy care of me, and submit to what thou wilt be pleased to lay upon me. If thou thinkest good to exercise me with a longer Sickness ; not my Will, but thine , O Heavenly Father, be done. I only wait on Thee, for the comfortable presence of thy Holy Spirit ; to support my Soul by Faith, and Hope, and Patience, under all the Pains I may endure. Lay no more upon me, O Father of Mercies, than I shall be able to bear ; and lay upon me what thou pleasest. Free me, for the present , from all murmuring, and repining Thoughts : and for the future, make the Sicknes, and anguish of my Body, a blessed instrument to purge my Spirit more perfectly from all Pride, and Vanity ; from all Covetousness, and Worldly-mindedness ; and from all inordinate love of any of the pleasures of this life. I believe, O blessed Jesus, that thou livest for ever ;
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and that thou hast a great compassion towards those, who would gladly follow thee, though it be through sufferings. Behold, O Lord, I commend my self to thy mighty Love; desiring above all things to be made conformable to thee; in meekness, in humility, in patience, in resignation to God's holy Will, and Pleasure; and in perfect satisfaction in his Fatherly Love, and Kindness, whatsoever my condition be.

I am sensible, O God, that I have not employed my time to the utmost advantage of my Soul; and to thy Honour, and Glory: but have wasted many precious hours, and several ways neglected my duty towards thee, and been an unprofitable part of this World; so that I am not worthy to continue any longer in it. But I hope, thou wilt vouchsafe me thy gracious Pardon, and receive me to Mercy, through the Blood of Jesus Christ, if thou callest me from hence: and that if thou prolongest
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my days on Earth, I shall serve Thee with greater diligence, and strictness, and zeal, and chearfulness, to the end of my Life.

I desire not to live, but that I may perfect Holiness in thy fear; and secure to my self, by doing more good, a happy entertainment into the society of the Blessed, in the other World. I see already the emptiness, and insufficiency of all enjoyments upon Earth. But in thy word, O Lord, and gracious Promises is my hope. This is my comfort in my affliction: and thy favour is better than life it self. O settle me in a certain, and unmoveable possession of it, by what means thou pleasest. Do but love me, and preserve me in a lively sense of thy good will towards me; and dispose of me as thou thinkest good. Accept, O Lord, of these my desires; and be thou my Helper: for the sake of Christ Jesus, my ever blessed Redeemer. *Amen.*

O Merciful, and Righteous ^{From the}
 Lord, the God of Health ^{Whole Du-}
 and of Sickness, of Life, and of ^{ty of Man.}
 Death; I most unfeignedly acknow-
 ledge; that my great abuse of those
 many days of strength, and wel-
 fare, which thou hast afforded me,
 hath most justly deserved thy pre-
 sent Visitation. I desire, O Lord,
 humbly to accept of this punish-
 ment of mine iniquity; and to
 bear the indignation of the Lord;
 because I have sinned against him.
 And, O thou merciful Father, who
 designest not the ruin, but the a-
 mendment of those whom thou
 scourgest; I beseech thee, by thy
 Grace so to sanctify this correction
 to me, that this Sickness of my
 Body may be a means of health to
 my Soul: make me diligent to
 search my Heart, and enable me
 to discover every accursed thing,
 how closely soever concealed there;
 that by the removal thereof, I
 may make way for the removal of
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this punishment. Heal my Soul, O Lord, which hath sinned against Thee: and then, if it be thy blessed Will, heal my Body also. Restore the voice of joy, and health unto my dwelling; that I may live to praise Thee, and to bring forth fruits of Repentance. But if in thy Wisdom thou hast otherwise disposed, if thou hast determined that this Sickness shall be unto death; I beseech Thee to fit, and prepare me for it: Give me that sincere, and earnest Repentance, to which thou hast promised Mercy, and Pardon: Wean my Heart from the World, and all the fading vanities of it; and make me to gasp, and pant after those more excellent, and durable Joys, which are at thy right hand for ever. Lord, lift thou up the light of thy Countenance upon me; and in all the pains of my Body, in all the Agonies of my Spirit, let thy comforts refresh my Soul; and enable me patiently to wait till my change come.

come. And grant, O Lord, that when my Earthly house of this Tabernacle is dissolved ; I may have a building of God, an House not made with Hands, Eternal in the Heavens ; through him, who by his precious Blood hath purchased it for me , even Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Prayer to be prepared for our last end.

O Eternal God, my Maker, my ^{From Bp. Duppa.} Redeemer ; I adore , and bleſs thy holy Name , that thou haſt with ſuch admirable Patience not only ſuffer'd me to live to this hour ; but withal haſt multiplied thy daily Bleſſings upon me, even then when I by my ſinful Life have moſt unkindly, and treacherouſly rebelled againſt Thee.

But who knows , O merciful Lord, how ſoon thy abuſed Patience may end : or how ſpeedily thou maiſt call me to a ſad account, for all my former days ſo miſerably miſpent ?

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For O how many are they, on whom the morning Sun hath shined, that shall not live to see it set? And how know I, but this may be my last Day too: the only Day which thou O God, hast left me, to set my Soul in order; and to prepare for that day which never shall have end?

O my dear Lord, suffer me not then to neglect this blessed Season; but by an hearty Repentance speedily, even this day, this instant to return unto thee: that how soon soever thou shalt call me to my Transmigration from this Life; my Accounts may be found Audited, my Sins cancell'd, and my Soul acquitted by the Blood of that Lamb, that takes away the sins of the World.

Give me Grace to consecrate the rest of my Life unto thy Service; and to Redeem the time which I cannot recall: and keep me ever under the wings of thy protection, that neither sin, nor danger may approach to hurt me.

Grant

Grant this, O my God, for his sake
that vouchsafed to die for me, thy
only Son Jesus Christ the righteous.
Amen.

*A Prayer for pardon of sin, us'd by
King Charles I. in the time of his
Troubles.*

A Almighty, and most merciful
Father, look down upon me
thy unworthy Servant, who here
prostrate my self at the Foot-
stool of thy Throne of Grace: but
look upon me, O Father, through
the Mediation, and in the Merits
of Jesus Christ, in whom thou art
only well pleased; for of my self I
am not worthy to stand before Thee,
or to speak with my unclean Lips
to Thee, most Holy, and Eternal
God. For as in sin I was Conceived,
and Born; so likewise I have
broken all thy Commandments,
by my sinful Motions, unclean
Thoughts, evil Words, and wicked
Works; omitting many Duties

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I ought to do, and committing many Vices, which thou hast forbidden under pain of thy heavy displeasure. As for my sins, O Lord, they are innumerable; wherefore I stand here liable to all the miseries in this Life, and everlasting Torments in that to come, if thou should'st deal with me according to my deserts. I confess, O Lord, that it is Thy Mercy, (which endureth for ever) and thy Compassion, (which never fails) which is the cause that I have not been long ago consumed. But with Thee there is Mercy, and plenteous Redemption. In the multitude therefore of thy Mercies, and by the Merits of Jesus Christ I intreat thy Divine Majesty, that thou would'st not enter into judgment with thy Servant, nor be extreme to mark what is done amiss: but be thou merciful unto me, and wash away all my sins with that precious Blood that my Saviour shed for me. And I beseech

befeech Thee , O Lord, not only to wash away all my sins ; but also to purge my Heart by thy holy Spirit, from the dross of my natural corruption. And as thou dost add days to my Life , so, Good Lord, I beseech Thee to add Repentance to my days: that when I have past this mortal Life, I may be partaker of thy everlasting Kingdom , through the Merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Other Prayers for Forgiveness of sins.

Forgive me my sins, O Lord ; From Bp.
forgive me the sins of my Cofins.
Youth, and the sins of mine Age ;
the sins of my Soul, and the sins
of my Body ; my secret, and whispering sins, and my presumptuous,
and crying sins ; the sins that I
have done to please my self, and
the sins that I have done to please
others. Forgive me my wanton,
and idle sins ; forgive me my feri-

ous , and deliberate sins : forgive me those sins which I know, and those sins which I know not ; the sins which I have striven so long to hide from others, that now I have even hid them from mine own Memory. Forgive them, O Lord , forgive them all ; and of thy great goodness let me be absolved from mine offences. *Amen.*

From Bp.
Duppa.

O My God, when I call sadly to mind, what I have done, and what I have left undone; how careless I have been to please Thee, how diligent to offend Thee; how passionately I have been transported towards the pleasures of this Life, how cold, and heavy in pursuing my everlasting Happiness: when I seriously consider the vanity of my Affections, the folly of my Thoughts, the idleness of my Words, and above all, the sinfulness of my Actions; I stand amazed at myself, that such a contemplation as this makes not my Flesh to tremble,

ble, and my Heart break at the very thought of it.

For, O my Lord, if thou should'st be extreme to mark what I have done amiss ; if thou should'st enter into judgment with me, what would become of me ? for of so many millions of sins that I have committed, alas , I cannot answer Thee one of a thousand.

But, O my Saviour, thou who hast revealed it to me as a faithful saying , that thou camest into the World for no other end but to save Sinners ; thou who hast so solemnly sworn, thy delight is not in my death , but rather that I should live ; what shall hinder thee, to do that which thou delightest in ? or what can hinder thee, to save the Soul which thou camest into the World for ?

O Pardon , and forgive then all my sins past , that nothing may hinder Thee : lay them no longer to my charge ; cast them behind thee , bury them , drown them ;

scatter them as a Mist, and as a Morning cloud let them vanish away. And when thou hast done this, O my merciful God, leave not here, but go on : Create in me a clean Heart, and renew a right Spirit within me ; let me feel the powerful effects , the saving operations of thy Grace ; in fervency of devotion towards thee ; in bitterness of Repentance for offending thee ; in holy resolutions never wilfully to sin against thee more ; and in perseverance in those resolutions : till I shall pass out of this valley of tears , into those everlasting Joys, where no evil can approach me. *Amen.*

I.

From Bp.
Taylor.

O Eternal, and most gracious Father, I humbly throw myself down at the foot of thy Mercy-seat ; upon the confidence of thy goodness, and thy command , that we should *come boldly*

to the Throne of Grace, that we may find mercy in time of need. O my God, hear the Prayers, and Cries of a sinner, who calls earnestly for Mercy. Lord, my needs are greater, than all the degrees of my desire can be: unless thou hast pity upon me, I perish infinitely, and intolerably: and then there will be one Voice fewer, to recite thy Praises to eternal Ages. But, O Lord, in mercy deliver my Soul; O save me for thy Mercies sake: for in the second Death there is no remembrance of Thee; in that grave who shall give Thee thanks? Amen.

II.

O Just, and Dear God, my sins are innumerable; they are upon my Soul in multitudes: they bring sorrow, and sickness; shame, and guilt; a sense of thy present displeasure, and fear of worse, of infinitely worse. But although my

sins be very great, and my fears proportionable ; yet thy Mercy is infinitely greater than all the World : and my hope , and comfort rise up in proportion towards it. Lord, thou hast sent thy Son to die for the pardon of my sins ; thou hast given me thy Holy Spirit, as a seal of Adoption , to consign the Article of Remission of sins ; and thou hast instructed my Understanding, and softened my Spirit, and inclined my Will , in order to Repentance, and Pardon : and why should not thy Servant beg passionately, and humbly hope, for the effects of all these thy miraculous acts of loving-kindness ? Lord , I deserve it not ; but I hope , thou wilt pardon all my sins : and I beg of thee for Jesus Christ his sake, whom thou hast made the great endearment of thy Promises , and the foundation of our Hopes ; and the mighty Instrument , whereby we can obtain of thee whatsoever we need. *Amen.*

III.

O my God, how shall thy Servant be dispos'd to receive such a Favour; which is so great, that the Ever-blessed Jesus died to purchase it for us; so great, that the fallen Angels never could hope, and never shall obtain it? Lord, I do from my Soul forgive all that have sinned against me: O forgive me my sins, as I forgive them. Lord, I confess my sins unto thee daily: and if we confess our sins, thou hast called it a part of justice, to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Lord, I put my trust in thee: and thou art ever gracious to them that put their trust in thee. I call upon my God for Mercy: and thou art always more ready to hear, than we to pray. But all that I can do, and all that I am, and all that I know of my self, is nothing but sin, and infirmity, and misery: and therefore I go forth of my self, and throw my self wholly into

into the arms of thy Mercy; through Jesus Christ; and beg of thee for his Death, and Passion's sake; by his Resurrection, and Ascension; by all the parts of our Redemption, and thy infinite Mercy; to be compassionate to thy Servant, in the abolishing of all my sins: and so shall I praise thy Name from Generation to Generation. *Amen.*

A Form of preparing our selves to receive Absolution.

From Bp.
Cosins.

I That am a wretched sinner, here personally appearing and prostrate before the presence of the everlasting God; having in remembrance the exceeding Mercy of his great goodness towards me; whom he hath created of nothing, preserved, sustained, and loved, when I was most unworthy of any thing; whom he hath of his incomprehensible Clemency so often invited to Repentance; and whose conversion,

on, and amendment he hath so patiently expected : as also having in memory, that on the day of my Baptism, I was happily vowed, and dedicated unto my God, to be his Child, and to live in his continual Service ; yet that contrary to the profession then made in my Name, I have so many times, and so execrably violated my Vows, profaned my sacred Promises, and employed my Soul to the service of the World, the Flesh, and the Devil ; thereby despising the Graces, and contemning the goodness of God : at length recalling my self, and with all lowliness here casting my Soul, and Body prostrate before the dreadful Throne of his Justice ; I acknowledge, and confess my self a most wretched sinner; guilty of that death, which Christ once suffer'd for me upon the tormenting Cross. But turning my self to the Throne of his infinite Mercy ; and with all my might, from the bottom of my heart,

heart, detesting the iniquities of
of my past Life; I most humbly
beg, and crave pardon for the same;
with an entire Absolution from all
my sins, for the precious Death,
and Passion's sake of my Lord,
and Saviour: upon whom, as upon
the only foundation of my Hope,
I repose all my confidence; and un-
to whom I promise, and confirm
again; I vow again, and solemnly
renew the sacred profession of loyal
service, and fidelity; which was
made in my Name, and in my be-
half unto him, at my holy Bap-
tism: renouncing unfeignedly the
vanities of this wicked World, the
lusts of all sinful Flesh, and the
suggestions of the Devil: and con-
verting my self unto my most gra-
cious, and merciful God; I desire,
deliberate, purpose, and fully re-
solve, to honour him, serve him,
love him, and obey him now, and
for ever hereafter: giving, and de-
dicating unto him, for this end,
the powers of my Soul, the affecti-
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ons of my heart, and the faculties of my Body to be for ever devoted to his service; without unsaying, revoking, or repenting of this my holy Promise, or any part thereof. And I most humbly beseech Almighty God, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to confirm me in this resolution, and to accept of this my broken, and contrite heart, which he hath promised not to despise: entirely desiring his Fatherly goodness, that as he hath given me a desire, and a will to purpose; so he would give me strength, and grace to perform all holy Actions, through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Penitential Vows.

O my great, and glorious God, From Ep.
I who am less than the grain Dmpps.
of Dust that hangs upon the Balance, profess seriously, and with the remorse of a wounded Spirit; that I am ashamed, and confounded

ed within my self, that I have so many ways sinned against so good a God, so gracious a Father. But what is past I cannot re-call; though thy Mercy may forgive. But for the time to come, I call all thy holy Angels to witness, that I this day sacrifice my self wholly to thee: resolving to break off from all sinful courses, and fully purposing never to offend thee more. But because thou knowest my failings, and my weakness is not hid from thee; I beg of thee, O my God, to shew thy strength in my weakness; and to confirm my inconstant Mind in this holy Resolution. That so never repenting of this Repentance, nor wavering in these Purposes, which I have now by thy Grace so deliberately made; I may go on constantly in a pure, and holy Life: till in the end of my days I come to everlasting Joys, which thou hast prepared for them that love thee, through Jesus Christ my Lord, *Amen.*

O most Just, and Merciful Lord From Bp. Taylor.
God, who hast sent diseases,
and sorrows into the World, to
keep sin from our Souls; I hum-
bly beg of thee, that this my
Sickness may serve the ends of
the Spirit, and be a Messenger of
spiritual Life, an instrument of
reducing me to more Religious and
sober courses. O Lord, I am un-
ready, and unprepared in my ac-
counts, having thrown away great
portions of my time in vanity;
and I had need live my Life over
again, and live it better: but thy
counsels are in the deep, and I
know not what thou wilt determin
of me. If I die, I throw my self
into the arms of the Holy Jesus,
whom I love above all things:
and if I perish, I know I have de-
served it; but thou wilt not reject
him that loves Thee. But if I re-
cover, I will by thy Grace, and
help, do the work of God; and
serve Thee in the labour of love,
with

with the Charities of holy Zeal, and the diligence of a firm, and humble Obedience. Lord, I will dwell in thy Temple, and in thy Service; Religion shall be my Employment, and Patience shall be my Rest; and to do thy Will shall be my meat, and drink; and to live shall be Christ, and then to die shall be gain. *Amen.*

A Protestation after the private reciting of the Creed.

From Bp.
Cosins.

IN this Faith, which I do unfeignedly, and wholly believe, as a true member of Christ's Catholick Church, do I purpose to finish my Life: and if ought shall happen by the violence of my Sickness, or the suggestions of my ghostly Enemies; whereby I shall come to think, say, or do any thing, contrary to this holy Faith, and purpose; I do here revoke it before hand, and protest from my Soul, even before Christ, and his holy

holy Angels, that I give no consent thereunto : giving most humble, and hearty thanks unto my loving Creatour, and Redeemer; that by the wonderful goodness of his Bounty, he hath vouchsafed to bring me to the knowledge of this Faith in him : which with my Soul, and Body, I commend into his most holy, and merciful hands, now, and at the hour of my death. *Amen.*

A Protestation of Forgiveness.

I do farther most humbly desire all, and every one whom I have offended, that they would vouchsafe to forgive me. And I do freely, and heartily forgive all the World, wherein soever any one hath offended me, or done me any manner of injury whatsoever: even as I desire to be forgiven of God, and to be absolved from my sins, for the Merits of my blessed Redeemer. *Amen.*

*From Bp.
Cofins.*

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Prayers for Absolution.

ALmighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy great Mercy hast promised forgiveness of sins, to all them that with hearty Repentance, and true Faith turn unto Thee; Have mercy upon me; Pardon, and deliver me from all my sins; confirm, and strengthen me in all goodness; and bring me to everlasting Life, through Jesus Christ my Lord. *Amen.*

Turn thou me, O good Lord, and so shall I be turned. Be favourable, O Lord, be favourable to thy Servant, who turns to thee in Weeping, and Praying. For thou art a merciful God, full of compassion, long-suffering, and of great pity. Thou sparest when we deserve Punishment; and in thy wrath thinkest upon Mercy. Spare thy Servant, good Lord, spare

spare me : and let me not be brought to confusion. Hear me, O Lord , for thy Mercy is great ; and after the multitude of thy Mercies look upon me ; through the Merits , and Mediation of thy blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

I confess unto Thee, O God, all my ^{From Bp. Cofins.} sins ; which I acknowledge, through my most grievous fault, to have committed against thy most awful Majesty. I am an unclean, and sinful Creature : I accuse my self of my wicked Thoughts, and Desires ; of my wanton, and evil words ; of my naughty, and ungodly deeds : * For all which I am truly penitent from the depth of my Soul ; and am stedfastly resolved to shew forth the fruits of Repentance , in my future course of Life. And therefore in all lowliness , and humility of a broken Heart, I beg my Pardon ; and cry unto Thee,

** Here particular sins are to be mention'd.*

O God, for Mercy towards me a most sinful, and unworthy Creature: that thou, whose Nature, and property it is to forgive Sinners, and ever to have Mercy upon them that truly turn unto thee; wouldst vouchsafe, of thy great pity, and goodness, to give me the comfort of Absolution, and a perfect remission of all my sins; to strengthen me in all good works; and to bring me unto life everlasting, through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Prayer upon taking Physick.

From Bp.
Taylor.

O most blessed Jesus, who art the great Physician of our Souls, and the Sun of Righteousness arising with healing in thy wings; and who disposest every accident to the honour of thy Father, and to the good, and comfort of them that love, and serve thee: Be pleased to bless the ministry of thy Servant in order to my health; prosper the Medicines,
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and dispose the chances of my Sickness; that I may feel the blessing, and loving-kindness of the Lord, in the ease of my pain, and the restitution of my health: that I being restored to the society of the living, and to thy solemn Assemblies; may praise thee, and thy goodness, here in thy Courts, and hereafter in thy eternal Temple, for ever, and ever. *Amen.*

*Prayers preparatory for Death, when
'tis expected.*

O Eternal Lord God, who hast From Dr.
Hammond. created the World, and all Time; and who hast made my days as it were a span long, and mine age as nothing in respect of thee: Teach me so to number my days, that I may apply my heart to thy Heavenly Wisdom; and may so carefully employ this short time, which thou hast appointed me to spend here; so make up my reckonings, before thou callest me

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from hence ; that I may then give such an account of the Talent wherewith thou hast intrusted me, that I may receive that joyful sentence ; *Well done, good, and faithful Servant.*

Mat 25.21.

Blessed be thy holy Name , O Lord my God, who hast shewed me the light of thy Countenance, and caused me to see thy goodness in the land of the living : who hast preserved me in all my ways, and deliver'd me from many evils, and dangers. O Lord, forsake me not in the vanishing of my days ; but still continue the protection of thy gracious hand upon me : be thou my light , and defence, my guide, and guard , through the valley of misery, and tears, and the shadow of death ; to that holy Hill, where thine Honour, and our Rest dwelleth. Give me grace to remember the many days of darkness ; that I may be ready, and provided , whensoever thou shalt call me to Judgment : and whether

I live, or die, I commend my self to thy Mercy, and Goodness; beseeching thee to receive me under thy Wings, where I may rest secure from all evil; and to preserve my Soul in perpetual peace, and safety. Grant that I may be provided with Oil in my Lamp, and ready to enter in with the wise Virgins, whensoever the Bridegroom shall come; and may receive a blessing among those which watch, and wait for thy coming.

So come, Lord Jesus, come quickly. *Amen.*

DEfend, O Lord, me thy Servant with thy Heavenly Grace, that I may continue thine for ever; and daily increase in thy holy Spirit more, and more, until I come unto thy everlasting Kingdom. *Amen.*

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stretched Arm, O Lord, be
ever my defence; thy Mercy, and
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dear Son, my Salvation; thy true,
and holy Word, my Instruction;
thy Grace, and holy Spirit, my
Comfort, and Consolation, both
now, and at the hour of Death.
Amen.

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O Holy Jesus, thou art a mer-
ciful High-Priest, and touch-
ed with the sense of our infirmities;
thou knowest the sharpness of my
Sickness, and the weakness of my
person. The clouds are gather'd
about me, and thou hast cover'd
me with thy Storm. Lord, let thy
Mercy support me, and thy Spirit
guide me; and lead me through
the valley of this death; that I
may pass it safely, and patient-
ly, and with perfect Resigna-
tion: and let me rejoyce in the
Lord, in the hopes of pardon, in
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the expectation of Glory, in the sense of thy Mercies, in the refreshments of thy Spirit, and in a Victory over all Temptations.

Thou hast promised to be with us in Tribulation : Lord, my Soul is troubled, and my Body is weak; and my Enemies are mighty ; and my hope is in thee: now make good thy holy Promise. Now, O holy Jesus, now let thy Hand of Grace be upon me: restrain my Ghostly Enemies, and give me all sorts of spiritual assistances. Lord, remember thy Servant, in the day when thou bindest up thy Jewels. Let me possess my Soul in patience ; and resign my Soul, and Body into thy Hands, as into the Hands of a faithful Creatour, and blessed Redeemer.

O Holy Jesus, thou didst die for us: by those intolerable pains which thou endured'st for me, have pity on me, and ease my pain ; and lay on me no more, than thou shalt enable me to bear. Do what thou wilt

wilt with me, so thou dost but preserve me in thy fear, and favour: and let thy Spirit secure me, that nothing may be able to separate me from the love of God in Jesus Christ. Into thy hands I commend my Spirit; for thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of Truth. Come, Holy Spirit, help me in this conflict. Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly. *Amen.*

From the
Whole Duty
of Man.

O Eternal, and ever-living God, who first breathed'st into Man the breath of Life, and when thou takest away that breath, he dies, and is turned again to his dust; look with compassion on me thy poor Creature, who am now drawing near the gates of Death; and (which is infinitely more terrible) the Bar of Judgment. Lord, my own Heart condemns me; and thou art infinitely greater than my Heart, and knowest all things. The sins I know, and remember, fill me with Horrour: and these, and
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all my forgotten sins are present
to thee: thou settest my misdeeds
before thee, and my secret sins in
the light of thy Countenance. My
very Repentance, I fear too, will
not abide the Trial: and, O Lord,
I know thou art not mocked, nor
wilt accept of any thing that is
not perfectly sincere. O Lord,
when I consider this, my Flesh
trembleth for fear of thee; and
my Heart is wounded within me.
But, O Lord, one deep calleth
upon another; the depth of my
Misery upon the depth of thy
Mercy: Lord, save now, or I pe-
rish Eternally. O thou who willest
not that any should perish, but
that all would come to Repen-
tance; bring me, I beseech thee,
though thus late, to a sincere Re-
pentance; such as thou wilt accept,
who triest the Heart. Create in
me, O God, a clean Heart; and
renew a right Spirit within me.
Lord, one day is with thee as a
thousand years: O let thy mighty
Spirit

Spirit work in me now in this day (though it should be my last) whatsoever thou see'st wanting to fit me for thy Mercy, and acceptance. Give me an entire hatred of my sins; and enable me to present thee with that Sacrifice of a broken, and contrite Heart, which thou hast promised not to despise: that by this I may be made capable of that atonement, which thy dear Son hath made for all repenting sinners by the oblation of himself. He is the Propitiation for our sins: O heal me by his stripes, and let the Cry of his Blood drown the clamour of my sins. I am a Child of Wrath, but he is the Son of thy Love: for his sake spare me, O Lord, spare thy Creature, whom he hath Redeemed with his most precious Blood; and be not angry with me for ever. In his Wounds, O Lord, I take Sanctuary; O let not thy vengeance pursue me to this City of Refuge: my Soul hangeth upon him; O let me not perish

riſh. But by his Agony, and Bloody Sweat; by his Croſs, and Paſſion; by all that he did, and ſuffer'd for ſinners, good Lord, deliver me: deliver me, I beſeech thee, from the wages of my ſins, from thy Wrath, and everlaſting Damnation; deliver me in this time of my Tribulation, in the hour of Death, and in the day of Judgment. Hear me, O Lord, hear me: and do not now repay my former deafneſs to thy calls, by reſuſing to answer me in this time of my greateſt need. Lord, there is but one ſtep between me and death: O let not my Sun go down upon thy Wrath; but ſeal my pardon before I go hence, and be no more ſeen. Thy loving-kindneſs is better than life it ſelf: O let me have that in exchange; and I ſhall moſt gladly lay down this mortal Life. Lord, thou knoweſt all my deſire, and my groaning is not hid from thee: deal thou with me, O Lord, according to thy Name;

Name ; for sweet is thy Mercy. Take away the sting of death, the guilt of my sins ; and then though I walk through the valley of the shadow of Death, I will fear no evil : I will lay me down in Peace ; and, Lord, when I awake up, let me be satisfy'd with thy Presence in thy Glory. Grant this, O merciful God, for his sake, who is both the Redeemer, and Mediator of sinners, even *Jesus Christ.*
Amen.

GRant, I beseech thee, Almighty God, that as I believe thy only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to have ascended into the Heavens ; so I may also in Heart, and Mind thither ascend ; and may with him continually dwell ; who liveth, and reigneth with thee, and the Holy Ghost, one God, World without end. *Amen.*

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O God, the King of Glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ, with great Triumph unto thy Kingdom in Heaven; I beseech thee, leave me not comfortless: but send to me thine Holy Ghost to comfort me; and exalt me unto the same place, whither our Saviour Christ is gone before; who liveth, and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, World without end. *Amen.*

O Lord, be gracious unto me, U. 33. 2.
I have waited for Thee: Be thou my Salvation in this time of my trouble. With thee is the fountain of Life: In thy light let me see light; in thy beatifick presence let me dwell for ever. *Amen.* PC 36. 9.

I Resign my Spirit, O God, most cheerfully into thy Hands; From Bp. Patrick.
hoping to find Mercy with thee through Christ Jesus. I know no other name under Heaven, whereby

by I may be saved, but thine alone, O Blessed Jesus ; *who wast dead, and art alive again, and livest for evermore.* I come unto thee, O Lord, confiding in thy most precious Promises, (which are faithful, and true, as thou art) for Pardon, and for immortal Life. Accept, I beseech thee, of my most hearty thanks, for all thy Mercies to me, from the beginning of my Life to this moment. Pass by all my ingratitude, and disobedience. Receive me into the company of the Spirits of just Men made perfect, to give thee thanks for ever. And as I desire to find Mercy with thee, so I forgive all my Enemies: Beseeching thee likewise to forgive them; and to Bless, and Comfort all my Friends; and to make thy whole Church glorious; and to bring us all at last to live together in everlasting Love, and Joy, through Christ Jesus. *Amen.*

Lord,

Lord, I am coming as fast as I ^{From} can : I know, I must pass ^{Archbp.} through the shadow of Death, be- ^{Laud.} fore I can come to see thee. But it is a meer shadow of Death, a little darkness upon Nature : But thou by thy Merits, and Passion, hast broke through the Jaws of Death. Look down upon me in Mercy, in the Riches, and fulness of all thy Mercies : Look upon me ; but not till thou hast nailed my Sins to the Cross of Christ ; not till thou hast bathed me in the Blood of Christ ; not till I have hid my self in the Wounds of Christ, that so the punishment due unto my Sins may pass over me. So, Lord, receive my Soul ; and have Mercy upon me for Jesus Christ his sake. *Amen.*

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From Bp.
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PRaise the Lord, O my Soul, and all that is within me praise his holy Name: who hath saved thy life from destruction, and crowned thee with Mercy, and Loving-kindness. O Lord my God, I cried unto Thee, and thou hast healed me. Therefore will I sing of thy Praise without ceasing, and I will pay my Vows, and give Thanks unto Thee for ever.
Amen.

From Bp.
Ken.

GLory be to Thee, O heavenly Father, for the Sicknes thou hast in mercy sent me.

Lord, the stripes thou didst lay on me, were the stripes of love: Glory be to Thee.

Before I was troubled, I went wrong: but now will I keep thy Word.

It is good for me, that I have been in trouble, that I might learn thy Statutes.

Glory

Glory be to Thee, O Lord :
Glory be to Thee, for delivering
me from the terrours of Death,
and restoring me to my health
again : Glory be to Thee.

I called upon the Lord in my trouble;
and the Lord heard me at large.

I shall not die, but live, and declare
the works of the Lord.

Praise the Lord therefore, O my
Soul: as long as I have my life,
which at first God gave me, and
which he hath now restored me, I
will sing praises unto my God.

O Lord God, who hast in thy
tender Mercy prolonged my
days in this World, give me grace
to spend that life Thou hast now
lengthned, in thy Service. O give
me grace, to perform all my Reso-
lutions of new Obedience; and so
to live in the Filial fear of Thee,
all the remainder of my life, that
I may at last die at peace with my
self, at peace with the whole World,
and at peace with Thee; through
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thy well-beloved Son, my Saviour
Christ Jesus. *Amen.*

From Bp.
Patrick.

O God, the Fountain of Life,
and of all Good; who art
continually more, and more pouring
forth thy benefits upon us: I thy
poor Creature, whose life thou hast
mercifully spared, when I deserved
to be cut off, prostrate my self, in
an humble sense of thy Divine
Goodness, to render thee my most
heartly Thanks; and to renew my
Vows, which I made in the day
of my distress. I can do no less
than dedicate this new life, which
thou hast bestowed upon me, en-
tirely to thy service: resolving to
employ more vigorously all those
powers of Soul, and Body, which
are so graciously restor'd to me,
unto thy honour and glory. Make
me often to remember, how that in
my best estate I am but altogether
vanity; and how little comfort can
be found in these perishing enjoy-
ments, and short satisfactions; and
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what a joy it is to have any hope in thee, the Eternal God: that so I may not seek my happiness in this dying life, but in thy endless Love, and Favour; and that I may most seriously apply my self to work out my Salvation with fear, and trembling; and may give all diligence to settle a stedfast hope in thee, that shall never be shaken. Excite in me, O God, such holy thoughts, and desires; that my affections may be weaned from all things here below, and set on things above, where Christ is at thy right hand. O that I may desire, and covet those Heavenly things for my portion: make me to rejoyce in them, more than in a whole world of other Comforts; and to fear the losing of them, more than any other misery. Preserve in me, good Lord, such a sober disposition of Mind, that I may never be proud, who am but dust, and ashes; nor confident of my own strength, which is but weakness; nor distrust-

ful of Thee , who art so gracious , and merciful, as well as mighty to save. Suffer me not to sink under any discouragements, who have the Everlasting Arms under me ; the Wisdom of Heaven to direct, and guide me ; and the infinite Treasures of Goodness to supply all my necessities.

And more particularly, I beseech thee to give me grace , by my late confinement , and weakness , and dulness, and want of appetite, and rest ; to learn to value very highly the benefits of liberty, and strength, and quickness of all my senses : and to bless Thee more than ever I have done, for the constant refreshments of my Food in the day, and of undisturbed sleep in the night ; together with the rest of the pleasures of life, to which thou hast restored me with my health. Make me contented in any condition, whilst I enjoy so great a blessing as Health: and when thou shalt take it again away from me, O that

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I may be able to be contented then also ; in a remembrance of all thy past kindnesſes to me , and of a well-ſpent life, and careful improvement of this renewed health ; and in hope of thy continued Mercies to me in Chriſt Jeſus, even to Eternal life. To which I humbly beſeech thee to bring me, by an unchangeable love, and obedience to Thee, in all the changes, and alterations of this mortal life ; for his ſake who loved me , and gave himſelf for me. To whom with Thee, and the Holy Spirit, be Glory everlaſting. *Amen.*

O Gracious Lord, the God of ^{From the} the Spirits of all Fleſh , in ^{Whole Du-} ^{ty of Man.} whose hand my time is ; I praife, and magnify Thee, that Thou haſt deliver'd me from the Pit of Corruption, and reſtor'd me to health again. It is Thou alone, O Lord, that haſt preſerved my life from deſtruction : Thou haſt chaſtned, and corrected me, but thou haſt not
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given me over unto death. O let this life, which thou hast thus graciously spared, be wholly consecrated to thee. Behold, O Lord, I am by thy Mercy made whole: O make me strictly careful to sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto me. Lord, let not this Reprieve, which thou hast now given me, make me secure; as thinking that my Lord delayeth his coming: but grant me, I beseech thee, to make a right use of this Long-suffering of thine; and so to employ every Minute of that Time thou shalt allow me, that when thou shalt appear, I may have confidence; and not be ashamed before Thee at thy coming. Lord, I have found by this approach towards death, how dreadful a thing it is to be taken unprepar'd: O let it be a perpetual admonition to me, to watch for my Master's coming. And when the pleasures of Sin shall present themselves to entice me; O make me to remember, how
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bitter they will be at the last. O Lord, hear me; and as thou hast in much Mercy afforded me time, so grant me also grace to work out my own Salvation; and to provide Oil in my Lamp, that when the Bridegroom cometh, I may go in with him to the Marriage. Grant this, I beseech thee, for thy dear Son's sake. *Amen.*

O Almighty God, I give thee humble Thanks, for that thou hast vouchsafed to deliver me from the pains, and peril of my late Sickness: Grant, I beseech thee, Most Merciful Father, that I, through thy help, may both faithfully live, and walk according to thy Will in this life present; and also may be partaker of Everlasting Glory in the life to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

I Praise thee, I bless thee, I worship thee, I glorify thee, I give thanks to thee ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the World. For thou only art Holy, thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most High in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, Heaven, and Earth are full of thy glory : Glory be to thee, O Lord most High. *Amen.*

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FOR THE

SICK.

I.

When we are in *health*, we ought (as we have opportunity) to offer up our *Morning*, and *Evening* Sacrifice of Prayer in the *House* of *GOD*: and since in the time of *Sickness*, we need more especially the benefits of daily Devotion, and of communicating with Heaven; it behoves every Christian, to the utmost

utmost of his power, (besides his secret Devotions) to perform this holy Exercise in his *Chamber*, and with his Friends, and those of the same Family, when he is disabled from going to God's *Sanctuary*.

II.

IF the Sick Person is confin'd to his Bed, and cannot put himself into the proper *gesture* of Prayer, he is not thereupon to think himself exempted from this Duty, but to pray the more earnestly, in proportion to his wants: and there is no cause of fearing, but God will graciously receive his Supplications, when coming from a warm, and penitent Soul; though he cannot accompany them (as otherwise 'tis fitting to do) with the outward acts of Adoration: The prostrations of the *Heart* will be accepted for those of the *Body*, when 'tis unable to bend.

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III.

L Et the sick Person desire the charitable assistance of his *Pastour*, before his Intellectuals are clouded, and his weakness prevails too far upon him ; and then his *Visits* may be much more useful to him, than they are in the common way : for certainly 'tis a very unwise course, to stay till the *Physician* retires , before a *Spiritual Guide* is requested to come. 'Tis then too late for him to begin his Applications ; or to have any Conference with a fainting Creature , when his Voice, and Strength, and Vitals are almost spent, and his Senses have lost their Natural Offices : and he cannot be admitted then into the secrets of his Soul ; nor know his particular wants ; nor administer such help to him, as he might have done before this *Extremity*.

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IV.

'Tis needful for every Christian, (that hath not finish'd his *Will*, and ought to make one for the preventing of Contention, or Injustice) to put his Temporal Affairs in order, and to dispose of his *Estate*, in the beginning of his Sicknes: that when it shall grow more violent, he may not be compos'd with worldly thoughts; and he may have nothing else to do, but to prepare for dying like a Christian. 'Tis fit there should be some interval, between the distractions of *this*, and the entrance upon *another* life: and since in the days of our strength, the World ingrosseth so much of our time; we can spare very little of it, when we have an *Eternal* possession to gain, or to lose.

V.

IF the Sick Person feels his Conscience troubled with any weighty matter; he is exhorted by the Church, to make a special *Confession* of his Sins to the Minister, that visits him: and then having testify'd his hearty Repentance, he is to desire *Absolution*; and to receive it in the *Form* of the Church, with all possible humility, and thankfulness; looking upon the Priest that *declares* it, as speaking from God; who gave this *Authority* to his Church, and to the Pastours of it; *Whose soever sins* Joh. 20. 23. ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and *whatsoever ye shall loose* Mar. 18. 18. on Earth, shall be loosed in Heaven. However since the *Ministerial* Power cannot *absolve* any, whom God doth not *absolve*; the infirm Christian is to remember, that he can have no advantage by this *Absolution*, but upon the condition of his

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sound, and sincere Repentance: and by consequence he is earnestly to frame himself to such a *Contrition*. 'Tis fit also for him to observe; that though our Church presseth *particular Confession* to a Priest, only when the Conscience is disquieted with sins of deeper malignity, yet it doth not discountenance the more frequent use of it; and this too is so comprehensive a Case, as to take in great numbers that neglect it: and 'tis the declar'd Judgment of a Learned Champion against *Popery*, and a famous Director of the Sick; That *Confession* being useful in all Cases, and necessary in some; and encourag'd by Evangelical Promises, by Scripture-Precedents, by the Example of both Testaments; and prescrib'd by Apostolical Injunctions, and the Canons of all Churches, and the Example of all Ages; and taught us by the Analogy to the Ministerial Power, and the very Necessities of every man; he that for stubbornness,

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in any other criminal weakness, shall decline it in the days of his danger, is near death, but very far off from the Kingdom of Heaven.

VI.

Let not the Sick Christian delay his Preparations for Death; nor be more solicitous for the Cure of his *Body*, than of his *Soul*: but upon the first warning given him by any mortal Distemper, let him be sure to recollect himself, and to fortify his Soul with the succours of Religion, and to break off his commerce with the World, and to take his leave of it solemnly, as if he were then departing from it. For by this course he will certainly be the fitter to *die*, if it pleaseth God then to call him from hence: and if God restores him to his former strength, he will be much the fitter to *live*. He that Travels in uncertain Weather, will provide against Rain; and if it falls

not, he is not the worse for his provision. In such a mighty Concern we cannot be too forward, or too cautious; and without timorousness, or despondency, or sinking under a Disease, we may wisely apprehend, that it may send us to our Grave; and ought by consequence to act, as if it would: For though 'tis a part of Christian Courage to be above the *fears* of Death; 'tis not so, to be above the *apprehensions* of dying. There can be no peril, in making Death familiar to our Minds; but in flattering our selves with the hopes of Recovery, there may be very much: and for an early Preparation we cannot die the sooner; but we shall die much better.

VII.

THe Christian is to consider his Sickness, as inflicted on him by God, and not barely the effect of *Second Causes*; and as inflicted

afflicted either for his *Trial*, or *A-*
mendment, or *Correction*; or for the
Example of others, that may be
 edify'd by his Patience; or for the
increase of his future *Felicity*: and
 he is to be assur'd, that if he bears
 it patiently, and truly Repents of
 his Sins, trusting in God's mercy
 through Christ Jesus, and meekly
 submits himself to the good will
 of God; this *Visitation* shall turn
 to his profit, and help him for-
 ward in the right way to Ever-
 lasting Life. This will be a miti-
 gation to the Sorrows of the Sick
 Bed, to reflect upon the beneficial
 ends, which our gracious God
 hath in chastising us: and it will
 make us indifferent, and easy as
 to the event; because *Whether we* Rom. 14.8.
live, we live unto the Lord; and
whether we die, we die unto the
Lord; whether we live therefore,
or die, we are the Lord's.

VIII.

PROportionable to the goodness of God in correcting us for our benefit, is the behaviour of every sick Christian to be : and particularly he is to be *Patient* under the divine Strokes ; and not to fall into any sinful Passion, or Murmuring against God. By repining, and peevishness, and clamours, the *Pains* of a Distemper will not be remov'd ; but the *Profitableness* of it may be lost : and the impatient sufferer may provoke God to strike him more heavily.

IX.

IT becomes a Christian not only to be quiet, and silent, and passive in his Sickness ; but also to be *thankful* to God, for his Fatherly discipline ; and for afflicting him in *Compassion*, and not in *Anger* : for if God deals with him

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as a *Father*, he ought to express towards God the Duty and Gratitude of a *Son*. For the enlarging hereof, it will also be proper for him, to look back upon all the Mercies, and Preservations of his Life past; and to bless God for the undeserved enjoyment of them, and especially of spiritual Blessings: and when he is praising God with Ardency, and Elevation of Soul; he will be the less sensible of the burthen that lies upon him.

X.

Sickness is an Affliction; but to be taken away without it, in an unprepar'd condition, is a much greater: and therefore the Christian, in the midst of his Agonies, hath reason to lift up his Heart in thankfulness to God, for not snatching him away suddenly; but giving him time to bethink himself, and to consider his ways, and to seek for Pardon, and Sacramental Consolation. In making this acknowledgment,

ment, a Christian is charitable to himself, as well as grateful to God: For it will refresh him to think, that the circumstances of his Sickness are such as argue God's *Tenderneſs* towards him; and his *Providential Care*, and *Wiſdom* in appointing what is moſt expedient for him.

XI.

THe ſick perſon is to be careful, not to be overcome by any of the temptations incident to Sickneſs; and not to increaſe his *debts* to God, when he is to ſeek for his *release* of ſuch as he had formerly contracted: If there be no recovery, this is the laſt moment of turning to God, and forſaking his old vices; and how then will there be any time found, to Repent of the Sins which are now committed? How will he wipe off the freſh Accuſations, that ſhall be brought againſt him? 'Tis of no advantage

advantage not to be surpriz'd by a sudden blow; if by Sinning on the very Bed of Sickneſs, we make Death *sudden* to us, whenever it comes.

XII.

IN using the help of *Physicians*, 'tis necessary to look up to God, for his Blessing upon their Endeavours; and not to rely upon their Skill, and Medicines, more than upon the immediate interposition of the goodness, and power of God. Their labours are vain, if God doth not give them success; and their Promises are vain, if he doth not ratify them by his Providence: But so far as they are subservient to him, we lawfully may, and ought in prudence to call in their assistance; because we are bound to preserve our Health, by such innocent means as we are able to employ. *Cleanse thy Heart* Eccel. 38.
from all wickedness; (saith the Son 10, 9, 12.
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of Sirach) and pray unto the Lord, and he will make thee whole : Then give place to the Physician, for the Lord hath created him ; let him not go from thee, for thou hast need of him.

XIII.

LEt the Sick Christian apply himself to the examining, and raising, and exercising of his *Faith* ; and let him consider how firmly he trusts, and confides in the Merits, and All-sufficient Sacrifice of Christ *Jesus*, for Pardon, and Salvation : Let him strengthen his assent to all the Articles of the *Creed*, and turn his *belief* into the *love* of them ; and let him dwell upon this Contemplation, That there is no other name under Heaven, but that of our Lord *Jesus*, where-
 A& 4. 12. by we can be saved ; and that he is
 Heb. 7. 25. able to save them to the uttermost, who come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

them. Nothing can more support a Man in his declining Estate, than to look with an active, and vigorous Faith, unto Jesus the Authour, and finisher of it; and to imprint upon the Mind the mysterious frame of our Redemption, and the Promises of God in Christ; and to remember that he is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offer'd for us, to take away our Sins; and by his Death hath destroyed Death, and by rising to Life again hath restor'd to us Everlasting Life.

XIV.

THe Belief of a Christian will be directed, and encourag'd by *Reading, and Meditating upon the Holy Scriptures*; and this is an employment, that must not by any means be omitted in his distress: for the *Bible* is the best Companion, and the best Comforter for the Sick; and is profitable for ^{2 Tim. 3. 16.} *Doctrine, for reproof, for correction,*
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for instruction in Righteousness: And the Word of God is such a Treasure, as (by the efficacy of his Spirit) will supply all our spiritual wants. Particularly the book of Psalms is such an admirable entertainment for a sick Christian, that Sleep it self cannot be more refreshing to him; and the conversing with them is enough to take away the sense of his affliction, and to raise the Soul above the anguish of the Body: they
 PL 19.7,8,
 10. *are perfect and pure; (as the Psalmist speaks) converting the Soul, rejoycing the Heart, and enlightning the Eyes; they are sweeter than Honey, and more desirable than the finest Gold.*

XV.

THe Lord's Supper is esteem'd by the Church, a necessary Comfort for Christians near their departure; and so in the *Primitive* Ages it was carefully administer'd

ster'd to the Sick : it Seals to them the Remission of Sins, and supports them against the Terrours of Death, and assures them of the Resurrection of their Bodies, and testifies their dying in the Peace, and *Communion* of the Church. Accordingly the sick Christian is to dispose himself for this blessed *Sacrament* in good time, and before his Disease hath brought him too low ; especially if he hath been negligent in frequenting it during the days of his Health : 'tis a sad stupidity to put off this high Duty, till the Death-bed reminds us of it ; and when we cannot go to the House of God , which is the fittest place for it : and yet 'tis better that such as are capable of it, should begin with this *Sacrament* in the last hour, than depart without ever receiving it. They are to bewail their former neglecting it, and to give this Sin a peculiar place in their *Humiliations* : But there is hope, that God will accept
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of that little they then do, if it be their best. But this instruction of the Church is not to be forgotten; That if a Christian, either by reason of extremity of Sickness, or for want of due warning to the Curate, or for lack of company to receive with him, or by any other just impediment, do not receive the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood; yet if he truly repents of his Sins, and stedfastly believes that Christ hath suffer'd Death upon the Cross for him, and shed his Blood for his Redemption; earnestly remembring the benefits he hath thereby, and giving him hearty thanks for them; he doth then eat, and drink the Body, and Blood of our Saviour Christ, profitably to the health of his Soul; although he do not receive the Sacrament with his Mouth: and consequently in such cases he is not to be discourag'd, and troubled in mind for the want of it.

XVI.

THe sick person is to take an exact care, that he goes not out of the World, with the load of *Injustice* upon his Soul : he is to be *just* in *disposing* of his Goods, not with indirect fondnesses, and partiality, but with as much *equality* as he can, towards such as he is oblig'd to provide for; and not *disinheriting*, or excluding any of his Children upon slight provocations : and if he hath formerly made any rash *Vows*, or *Protestations* to this effect, he is to Repent of them, and not to accomplish them. Again, he is to be *just* in giving order for the payment of all his *Debts*; and in *restoring* without delay whatever he hath gain'd by oppression, and whatever he hath wrongfully detain'd from any; especially from *Orphans*, and *Widows* : for God is the helper of Psal. 10. 14. the Fatherless, and Oppressed; and their

their Tears will entail a *Curse* upon what is taken away from them, and all the Possessions that go along with it. This point of *Restitution*, and *Satisfaction* for Injuries is very tender, and ought to be press'd home upon the Consciences of Men; for unless they make amends to all whom they have *wronged, or defrauded, or slander'd*, (so far as they have ability to do it) they cannot expect forgiveness from God for such Offences; and then let them think, what their

Luk. 19 8. Doom is likely to be: *If (saith the honest Publican) I have taken any thing from any Man, I restore him fourfold; and this was the day that Salvation came to his House.* There may be some difficulties in stating the measures, and ways of *Restitution*; and then for the settling of Conscience, it will be needful to consult a faithful *Guide*, and to follow his advice: but as for the general *necessity* of this Duty, it wants no proof; and to this purpose

purpose I shall use the words of a most excellent Writer; *As long as* ^{Whole Du-} *thou keepest any thing of unjust gain,* ^{ty of Man.} 'tis as it were an earnest penny from the Devil, which gives him full right to thy Soul.

XVII.

AS Justice is necessary to a dying Man, so likewise is Charity; whether it be consider'd in giving, or in forgiving: As to giving to the Poor, this is the business of the Wealthy; 'tis indeed their Debt to that God, who hath given them all their plenty. If they leave Children behind them, they will not make them the poorer, for such charitable distributions, as will engage God's blessing to the rest which is put into their Hands: and if they have no Children, none that have a natural right to the Fruits of their industry; (instead of adopting remote Heirs, and the mean ambition of raising a Family

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for two, or three Generations) let them raise Churches, or Hospitals, or Schools, or the like lasting Monuments of Charity. 'Tis the admonition of the Church, that such as are of ability, be earnestly mov'd to be liberal in Legacies to the Poor; for though we allow no Popish Merit to Alms, and pretend not to purchase Heaven with them; yet we know, Heaven is promised to the Charitable: and surely when God hath bless'd Men with Riches, they cannot do less at their going out of the World, than to repay somewhat proportionably to him by way of acknowledgment. Charity is always seasonable; but more necessary than ever, when 'tis the last opportunity that Men can have: And this is laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on Eternal Life.

1 Tim. 6.
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XVIII.

Charity is exprefs'd in *forgiving* Injuries, as well as in *giving* Alms: and therefore the Sick Person is exhorted by the Church, *to forgive from the bottom of his heart all persons that have offended him; and if he hath offended any, to ask them forgiveness:* And particularly let him remember, not to leave behind him in his *Will* any marks of an Unforgiving Temper, by laying a Brand upon any of his near *Relations*. Our Saviour upon the Cross *forgave* his Murtherers, and *pray'd* for them; and so did the first *Martyr* of the Christian Church, Expiring with this Prayer; *Lord,* Act. 7. 60. *lay not this sin to their charge:* and after such great Examples, the Christian is to die *in Charity with all the World;* and to declare *forgiveness* to all Men, even to the worst of his Enemies: and that others may exercise the same Grace

towards him, he is to desire the satisfaction of being *forgiven* by all those, whom he hath any quarrel, or enmity with; and then he may go in peace to the Mansions of *Rest*.

XIX.

THere is no dying with a Rational Peace, unless the Christian be sensible of having employ'd at least the Minutes of his sickness with some Integrity, to prepare himself for it: and to this end he is to undertake a strict *Examination* of himself, both concerning his past life, and concerning the performance of the particular Duties necessary in his present circumstances. This is what our Church earnestly requires from every sick Christian; *That since after this life there is an Account to be given to the Righteous Judge, by whom all must be judged without respect of persons; he would Exa-*

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himself, and his estate, both toward God, and Man; so that accusing, and condemning himself for his own faults, he may find Mercy at our Heavenly Father's hand, for Christ's sake; and not be accused, and condemned in that fearful Judgment. Happy is he who can, upon such a review, have a well-grounded Confidence towards God; and can joyfully surrender his Soul to him, in the words of our Redeemer; Father, into thy hands I commend my Spirit. Luc. 23. 46.

XX.

Whatever the Christian (upon a serious Examination) finds himself defective in, he ought immediately, with all humility, and fervency, to supplicate for the pardon of; and with early Contrition and Penitential Tears, to lay open his sins, and all the aggravations of them, before Almighty God; that he may have a Title to

his Mercy ; and may attain to peace of *Conscience* , which is the best *Cordial* upon the Bed of Sickness. *Repent* he must unfeignedly at this time ; but God forbid , that this should be the beginning of his *Repentance* : the Work is now to be finish'd , and not the Foundation to be laid ; and what remains is to be dispatch'd without delay ; for knowing not how long God will spare him , nor how long he shall have his *Faculties* clear , he ought to be very quick in making up his *Accounts* , and very diligent in the exercises of *Religion*. 'Tis an inexpressible madness , to run through many years in an *impenitent* course , and to resist all the opportunities of Reconciliation to God ; upon the presumption that a *Deathbed-Repentance* will save us at last : But if a customary Sinner be overtaken by the Warnings of Death , let him not grow *desperate* , because he hath been very *presumptuous* ; let him redouble his Endeavours , and lament

lament the unfruitfulness of the best Resolutions he can now make, and cry mightily unto God: and who can tell, but God may have compassion upon him, that he perish not? The Mercy of God is Infinite, and the Satisfaction of Christ is of infinite value; and the Holy Spirit may blow invisibly where he pleaseth: and if he leads a Sinner to repentance in his last Hour, and makes a real change in his Heart; who can say, that the work will fail of success; and that Grace will not be triumphant over all the Weaknesses of Nature? * The Church doth not call into question the validity of a Deathbed-Repentance.

* Repentance is never too late, so that it be true, and earnest. Homil. p. 257.

Repentance can never be unprofitable. p. 260. Let not the remembrance of thy former life discourage thee; yea, the more wicked it hath been, the more fervent, and earnest let thy Repentance be; and forthwith thou shalt feel the Ears of the Lord open unto thy Prayers. p. 257. Let us repent in time, and hereafter study to correct our Life; and doubt not, but we shall find God as merciful to us, as he was either to Lazarus, or to the Thief: whose Examples are written in Holy Scripture, for the comfort of them that be sinners, and subject to sorrows, and calamities in this world, that they should not despair in God's Mercy, but ever trust thereby to have forgiveness of their sins, and Life everlasting, as Lazarus, and the Thief had. p. 63.

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tance: some of her celebrated *Writers* have represented it as *uncertain*, and *unsincere*; though (I hope) 'tis not always so: and one of them truly observes, That *it is the venturing our Souls upon such miserable Uncertainties, as no wise man would trust with any thing of the least value: but the absolute invalidity of it is a new Doctrin, except amongst the Socinians; and (to dismiss it with a short Reflection) it lays too much weight upon the Works of Man, and too little upon the Grace of God, and the Operations of the Divine Spirit.* If Repentance be *sincere*, (whether *early*, or *late*) 'tis the *gift of God*: and God will certainly *accept* what he *gives* in order to Salvation. I would by no means encourage the *trusting* to a *Deathbed-Repentance*; but neither would I drive any to *Despair*, that have no other refuge left: and accordingly I shall conclude in the Words of Two very *Great Men*, who have declar'd their dissatisfaction

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 tance: This fashion of Repenting I ^{Bishop}
 can say little to; but I pray God, ^{Andrews.}
 it deceive us not: it is not good
 trying Conclusions about our Souls:
 but however, A Death-bed resolution ^{Dr. Ham-}
 of Amendment, if it be sincere, and ^{mond.}
 such as God seeth would bring forth
 fruits of Repentance, (if time were
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The Sick Penitent's Examination of himself.

LET the Christian put himself privately upon his Knees, and ask of his Soul the following Questions, and answer them distinctly: When he assents to an Article of Faith, he may say thus; This I stedfastly believe; Lord, preserve me in this Faith: When his Conscience accuseth him, he may say thus; I confess my Guilt; and O my God, wash it away, and be merciful to me a Sinner: When he doubts, and is in suspense, he may say thus; O God, enlighten me, and cleanse me from my secret faults: When his Conscience acquits him, he may say thus; Lord, I bless thee for keep-

keeping me from this sin: *And when none of these Answers will serve, he may easily frame such as shall be proper to be used.*

Of his Faith, and Hope.

I. **D**OST thou believe, O my Soul, all the Articles of the *Christian* Faith, as contain'd in the *Ancient Creeds*?

2. Dost thou love them, and rejoyce in them, and embrace them with an obedient *Will*?

3. Dost thou believe that Almighty God is the Lord of life, and death; and the disposer of all human events?

4. Dost thou acknowledge and submit to his *Providence*, in ordering this *Sickness*?

5. Dost thou believe him to be a Father to me, and to have corrected me for my good?

6. Dost thou believe that God the Father hath created me, and all the World?

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7. Dost thou believe that God the Son hath redeemed me, and all mankind ?

8. Dost thou believe that God the Holy Ghost sanctifieth me, and all the elect people of God ?

9. Dost thou believe that God hath ordain'd for me, and for all true Christians, Forgiveness of Sins, and a Resurrection from the grave, and a life of everlasting glory ?

10. Art thou thankful to God for these unspeakable blessings ; and for instructing thee in this Faith ?

11. Dost thou beg of God to keep, and strengthen thee in this Faith ; that it may never fail thee, and especially not at the hour of death ?

12. Dost thou believe that this Faith is necessary to thy salvation ?

13. Hast thou any doubt, or scruple against any of the Articles of the *Creed* ?

14. Dost thou believe the *Scripture* to be the word of God?

15. Dost thou trust in the merits of Christ *Jesus*, and only in him, for pardon, and salvation?

16. Art thou never tempted to *despair*, upon the account of the number, and hainousness of thy sins?

17. Art thou not apt to *presume* too boldly upon the mercy of God, and hereupon to continue in sin?

18. Is thy *Hope* a principle of good works; and firmly grounded in God's *Promises*?

Of his Charity, and Justice.

1. **O** My Soul, art thou in charity with all the world?

2. Dost thou heartily forgive all such as have injur'd, or offend'd thee?

3. Dost thou desire God to forgive them?

4. Dost thou desire forgiveness from such as I have offended?

5. Hath this request been made to any of them?

6. Art thou willing to give *satisfaction* for all the wrongs, and injuries I have done?

7. Have I not detained Lands, and Goods, which belong rightfully to other men?

8. Do I detain nothing unjustly, that was given to the *Poor*, or to the *Church*?

9. Art thou sure my Title is good to all I possess?

10. Art thou willing to make *Restitution* without fraud, or delay, to all such as I have wrong'd, or over reach'd?

11. Have I made a just, and charitable *Will*?

12. Have I express'd no anger, or peevishness in it; nor disinherited any, whom I ought to leave my Possessions to?

13. Have I taken care for the payment of my debts?

14. Have I remembered the Poor in my *Will*, proportionably to the plenty which God hath given me?

Of his sins against the First Table.

1. **H**A S T thou not been wanting, O my Soul, in the Love, and Reverence, and Fear of God?

2. Hast thou not been negligent in his Worship, and in attending upon the Publick Devotions?

3. Hast thou not often omitted the Duty of *Daily Prayer*?

4. Dost thou not want attention, and wander much in Prayer?

5. Have I not been careless of praying with my *Family*?

6. Have I not scandalously absented my self from the Holy *Communion*?

7. Art thou sure that my ordinary *Worship* is not unlawful in any circumstance?

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8. *Art thou certain that I lie not under the guilt of sinful separation from the Church?*

9. *Art thou certain that I give not Divine Worship to Creatures?*

10. *Have I never come profanely to the Lord's Supper, and without preparation?*

11. *Am I not now unfit to receive it, and cold in desiring it?*

12. *Hast thou not feared men more than God; and rely'd upon creatures, more than upon Him?*

13. *Hast thou not loved, desir'd, and delighted in other things, more than in God?*

14. *Have I never Atheistically deny'd the Being, or Providence of God?*

15. *Have I never used unlawful means, to bring me out of my troubles?*

16. *Hast thou not been impatient, and unreform'd, under God's corrections?*

17. *Hast thou not been unthankful for his mercies?*

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18. Have I never openly blasphem'd the Holy Name of God?

19. Have I not tamely heard others blaspheme?

20. Have I not taken God's name in vain, by common Swearing, and Cursing?

21. Have I not spoken, or thought irreverently concerning God?

22. Have I not behav'd my self irreverently in his Worship?

23. Have I not been very guilty of Hypocrisie in his service?

24. Have I not abus'd his Sacred Word?

25. Have I not disrespected Places, or Things dedicated to his service?

26. Have I not put contempt upon his Ministers, as such?

27. Have I not neglected the reading of the Holy Scriptures?

28. Have I never left God, to go to Conjurers, and Witches, and Fortune-tellers?

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29. Have I not taken false, or unlawful Oaths?

30. Have I not broken such as I lawfully took?

31. Have I not been false to my religious Vows?

32. Have I not made a practice of spending the Lord's Day idly, and wickedly?

33. Have I not scorn'd, or mispent the Festivals and Fasts of the Church?

34. Have I not often abus'd the gifts of God, and resisted the motions of his Spirit?

Of his sins against the Second Table.

1. **H**Ave I not, O my Soul, been very deficient in loving my Neighbours, as my self?

2. Have I not hated my Enemies?

3. Have I not tempted my Companions to sin?

4. Am I not guilty of having dishonour'd my Parents, or my Governours, Civil, or Ecclesiastical?

5. Have I not resisted, or censur'd, and revil'd them?

6. Have I not been undutiful, and stubborn, and unfaithful to some of them?

7. Have I not neglected the catechizing of my Children, and the care of those under my charge; and given them a bad example?

8. Have I not transgressed in my Conjugal Relation, and broken my Matrimonial Promises?

9. Have I not forsaken my Lawful Pastour?

10. Have I not been unfaithful to my Friends?

11. Have I not trampled upon my Servants, and despis'd my Inferiours, and treated them with Pride?

12. Have I not actually committed murder?

13. Have I never engag'd in Duels?

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14. *Have I not been accessory to the shortning of my neighbours life?*

15. *Have I never wished any man's death?*

16. *Have I not harbour'd Malice, and Revenge?*

17. *Have I not been angry without a cause; and used reviling words?*

18. *Have I not prosecuted men revengefully, under a Publick Pretence?*

19. *Have I not destroy'd, or endanger'd my own health, by Drunkenness, Intemperance, and Gluttony?*

20. *Have I not committed Adultery, or Fornication?*

21. *Have I not many secret uncleannesses, many lascivious words, and thoughts, and actions to answer for?*

22. *Have I not delighted in wanton discourses, and the provocations of lust, and temptations to uncleanness?*

23. Have I not refus'd the proper means for the preserving of my Chastity?

24. Have I not affected vain, and immodest Apparel?

25. *Have I not been guilt'y of stealing, or Robbery, or Sacrilege?*

26. Have I not heaped up unjust gain by cheating, or oppression, or extortion, or gaming, or excessive Usury?

27. Have I not run into debt, without hopes, or purposes of payment?

28. Have I not been idle, and prodigal in my Calling?

29. Have I not been uncharitable to the poor, and distressed?

30. *Have I not defrauded Labourers of their hire, or servants of their wages?*

31. *Have I not sworn falsely against my neighbour, to the hurt of his life, or estate?*

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32. Have I not slander'd, and defam'd him ; and rais'd, or spread malicious reports against him ?

33. Have I not accusom'd my self to Lying ?

34. *Have I not been a common Flatterer ?*

35. Have I not been afraid of witnessing the Truth ?

36. Have I spoken evil of no man to his loss, and with a design to do him mischief ?

37. *Have I not abus'd my power, to depress, and blast the credit of other men ?*

38. Have I not encourag'd evil speaking, and whispering, and lying stories ?

39. Have I not cover'd the goods of my Neighbour ?

40. Have I not been discontented with the allotments of Providence ?

41. *Have I not troubled my neighbours with needless Law-suits ; and been quarrelsome, and contentious amongst them ?*

42. Have I not envied the prosperity, and been pleased with the misfortunes of other men?

43. Have I not been Ambitious, and Proud, and Vain glorious?

44. Have I not been fond of the Poms, and Vanities of the world?

45. Have I not been immoderate in my Recreations?

46. Have I not given my self up too greedily to the *world*; and been too solicitous about the enjoyments of it?

Of his Repentance.

I. **O** My Soul, hast thou repented sincerely of all the sins, thou art conscious of?

2. Hast thou repented of thy former neglects of Repentance, and Humiliation?

3. Dost thou desire to feel greater sorrow for thy sins?

4. Art thou grieved that thou dost not feel more grief for them?

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5. Dost thou desire to be enlightened by God, as to thy unknown and forgotten sins; that they also may be particularly repented of?

6. Is there any special sin, that lies heavy upon thee?

7. Have I confess'd it to a *Minister*, and humbly requested *Abolution*?

8. Hast thou diligently examin'd my estate both toward God, and man?

9. Art thou *now* making this Examination with care, and compunction of mind?

10. Art thou desirous to *judge* thy self, and to inflict punishment upon me for all my sins?

11. Dost thou sincerely resolve to live much better, if God should restore my health?

12. Dost thou remember, and renew the profession made unto God in my baptism?

13. Dost thou lament the breaking of that Vow so often, and so grievously?

14. Dost thou stedfastly resolve (if God should grant me recovery, or any longer continuance here) to avoid all the means, and occasions of sinning; and all such temptations as have formerly caus'd me to fall?

15. Is it thy unfeigned purpose to be constant in the service, and worship of God; and in works of charity, and mercy?

16. Dost thou solemnly promise all this in the presence of God, his Grace assisting me?

17. Art thou resolved, and ready to make *compensation* (to my power) for all the injuries done to my brethren; as thou hopest for mercy at the hands of God?

18. Dost thou earnestly pray to God for his Holy Spirit, to enable thee to perform all thy good purposes?

*A Form before, and after Examination.**Before it.*

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
O My Soul, thou art now in the presence of the great Judge of Heaven, and Earth; before whose dreadful Tribunal thou must certainly appear at the day of Judgment, to give a strict account of all thy actions, and of every idle word, of every evil thought: and then my own Conscience will be my accuser. Think, O my Soul, think if thou canst, what unimaginable terrours will seize an impenitent Sinner; when the last Trump calls him out of his Grave, and the Devils begin to drag him to God's Judgment-seat. What would such a Wretch give, to purchase one such opportunity of Repentance, as God now in great mercy gives thee? If ever thou hopest to escape those horrors,

rours, O my Soul, make thy peace with God ; and judge thy self here, lest thou be condemned hereafter. And may he that searcheth the Heart, and trieth the Reins, discover to me all the evil, and deceits of my own Heart ; that I may confess, and bewail, and forsake them ; and obtain mercy through Jesus my Saviour. *Amen.*

After Examination.

O Lord God, I have now, by thy assistance, considered my evil ways : O thou who only knowest the Heart, and who only canst change it ; create in me such a broken, and contrite Heart, (which thou hast promised not to despise) and so deep a sense of my own sin, and misery ; that my Repentance may bear some proportion to my Guilt. O my God, pardon all my failings ; and perfect that good work thou hast begun

begun in me, for the merits of Jesus my Saviour. *Amen.*

 *The Lord's Prayer is always to conclude the Sick Christians Private Devotions.*

The Form of Absolution for the Sick.

OUR Lord Jesus Christ, who hath left Power to his Church, to absolve all Sinners who truly repent, and believe in him; of his great mercy forgive thee thine offences: And by his Authority committed to me, I absolve thee from all thy Sins: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

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Judgments concerning this Absolution.

Of Bishop Andrews.

CHrist hath not thus endited his *Commission* to the Apostles; whose sins ye wish, or ye pray for; or whose sins ye *declare* to be remitted; but *whose sins ye remit*: Using no other word in the Apostles part, than he useth in his own. To this *Power* he addeth a *Promise*, that he will ratify, and make it good; that his *Power* shall accompany this *Power*, and the lawful use of it in his Church for ever: To the end that such poor Sinners as shall be partakers of it, might have strong Consolation, and perfect Assurance, not to waver in the Hope which is set before them.

Of

Of Mr. Mason.

THE Ministerial Declaration is not a *bare*, but an *effectual* declaration that mens sins are forgiven. For a man may be said to pronounce, and declare remission of sins two ways: 1st. By a narrative, and historical rehearsal out of the general duty of Charity; and so may every Christian: 2^{ly}. By a Ministerial Power given by a special *Commission* from God, adorned, and establish'd with a special *Promise*; and so may every lawful Minister. Neither is there any doubt, but God will give a special Blessing to his own Ordinance. But this Declaration is always to be understood with a secret Condition; and the Condition is this, *If thou believe and repent*: Neither may we pronounce it otherwise, than upon a charitable perswasion proceeding upon probable grounds, that this Condition is fulfill'd.

Of

Of Dr. Hammond.

THE pronouncing of *Absolution*, (which Christ so solemnly instated on the Priest in his Disciples; and which is so distinctly named by St. James, in the case of *Sickness*; and so constantly preserv'd, and exercis'd in the *Universal Church*; and approv'd even by those, who affirm that *Power* in the Minister to be *only declarative*) this pronouncing of God's Pardon, and actual giving the Pardon, and Peace of the Church to all her penitent Children; especially that more particular act before the *Communion*, and on the Bed of *Sickness*; is, besides the obedience to Christ, a necessary expression of Christian Charity in every Church to its poor Members.

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Of Dr. Comber.

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